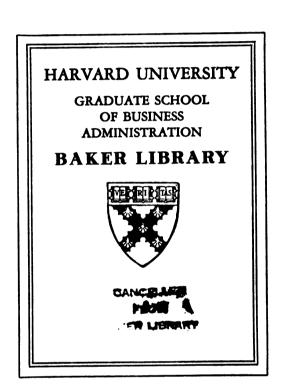
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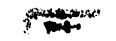


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A PARTIAL ARREST.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HOWARD M. STRONG

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HE square on which the court-house of Neosho had stood, before its burning by Confederate bush-whackers, presented an animated scene. The motley collection might be resolved into white tepees, kicking ponies, fighting dogs, and brightlyblanketed Indians. Their presence signified that another quarterly allowance was about to be squandered-mainly on bad whiskey; for this liquid evil was strictly forbidden inside the Territory, and even over the line it was necessary to dispense it to the road man with every degree of caution.

Although busily engaged in fleecing the Indians upon this occasion, the inhabitants of Neosho had opportunity to note the arrival of two white strangers a man and a woman. The woman, they learned later, was Miss Monica, the new school-teacher; and the man was Mister Jake.

Mister Jake, the people soon learned, was not much given to words; he smiled. The smile was so constant that it became proverbial. It spread over his bronzed face like wave marks on a mud flat-and many were deceived thereby. There came a time, however, when the storm did break, and it reminded the onlookers of forked lightning out of a clear sky.

"His shootin' is uncommon deadly," observed Meagher, the proprietor of the Old Home, as they carried out the two punctured half-breeds that had picked a quarrel with Mister Jake.

"I never saw it done more mortal." Without heeding this eulogistic remark, Mister Jake lounged over to a lop-sided pooltable, chalked a cue, and drove the white ball against the pyramid, pocketing fifteen balls on

the break. From that day Mister Jake was treated with greatest consideration. Any person who could make fifteen pockets on the break, and shoot two men while they had the drop on him, was undoubtedly capable of transacting his own business. It is true the .nere was much secret merriment over the voluminous pattern of his buckskin breeches; but then a man's "duds" was no killing matter in Neosho.

"I saw that grinnin' idiot over at the new school-teacher's the other night," remarked Bud Spurr, during one of Mister Jake's periodic absences from the Old Home. "He was talkin' with her as pert as you please."

"Better let him talk," advised Meagher.

"Truth is," continued Spurr, "I've been payin' some attention in that direction myself. Mister Jake ain't goin' to stand in my way

As a matter of fact, Spurr made it a point to avoid the society of Miss Monica whenever

Mister Jake was in town. He was no coward. neither was he hunting trouble. There were other ways of removing so formidable a rival and Bud Spurr was not the man to let any opportunity escape.

"That Mister Jake seems to have a lot of business over in the Territory," Spurr hinted the deputy. on several occasions. "It don't look straight."

"I reckon he's only poachin' over the line," said Meagher. "An' if any man here can prove road. A moment later the deputy was in the he's never done the same, the house'll stand treat."

One morning a deputy marshal and two Indians rode into Neosho.

"We're makin' for Baxter Springs," the representative of the law announced, when that he insisted upon clearing the place and questioned by the curious loungers. "We'll rest up a bit here before going on."

When the deputy had remained a week in Neosho, matters began to grow ominous. Many of the leading citizens seriously considered the advisability of a sudden disappearance from the scene of action.

"I tell you the atmosphere's goin' to be clearer before long," Bud Spurr declared mysteriously. "Every one can take a full breath then, and not run the risk of some grinnin' idiot shootin' him in the back."

If Spurr referred to the departure of the deputy-marshal he was undoubtedly correct; for the following day the officer and his two Indians mounted their horses and struck over into the Territory.

Two days later the same party, augmented by one, rode back into Neosho, covered with white dust, but jubilant. In their midst was Mister Jake, wearing leg-irons, hand-cuffs, and a smile. Dismounting stiffly from their winded horses, they entered the Old Home. In a few moments the room was packed to suffoca-

"Speak up, pardner," some one suggested; "let's hear how it was."

The deputy cleared his throat, leaned back against the bar with an air of pride and waved his hand for silence.

into the Territory. So Pryor, the agent for the Cherokees, picked out his best man, and told him to find the leak. It was found in the person of Mister Jake. Gentlemen, he's the smoothest article I ever had the good fortune to meet. Inside of his floopin' breeches were fifteen pockets, every one holdin' a pint flask of red-eye. I caught him in the very act of sellin' it to the poor Indians."

"Mister Jake," shouted Wickes, a cowpuncher, "has the deputy put it straight?"

"It's a fact, boys," said Mister Jake. "Some men run to one kind of business, and some take to another. But it looks as if it was all up with me now for a while."

"It looks that way," said the proprietor of the Old Home, shaking his head dubiously. 'An' for one, I'm uncommon sad to see it."

An Indian pushed his way through the crowd and grunted in the ear of the deputy.

"Well," said that officer, "we'll have to be gettin' on to-night. If you have any goodbyes to say, Mister Ja'te, you'd better prepare to say 'em. "Boys," Mister Jake began, "I may never

again see you all, so I'm going to ask every one to step up and have something with me." "I'm with you," Bud Spurr responded with alacrity.

"Judas!" some one cried, while hisses sound-

ed all over the room. "None of that now, boys," said Mister Jake; we won't think of anything unpleasant. Will the deputy kindly feel in my pocket for a little dust to reimburse the house.'

After much joking as to which of his fifteen pockets he meant, the deputy found the necessary amount and settled for the treat.

"Mister Jake," called a voice from the crowd, before you go you might give us that exhibition shot of yours. We haven't all seen it." "Wait an' I'll light the lamps," volunteered

Meagher. "Never mind," Mister Jake protested. "Open that shutter by the table and there'll be enough

moonlight for the proceedings." "Take off his bracelets," said Wi

ing forward. "Give him a chance to make the shot." The deputy started to comply, felt in his

pocket, then suddenly grew confused and shook his head.

"No, no," he muttered, "it can't be doneagainst orders." "Ah, get out!" sneered the men, "you're

afraid of him! Give the man a show."
"Can't do it," the deputy protested. "Never mind, boys," smiled Mister Jake. 'Just stand clear of the moonlight and I'll do

it anyhow." Grasping the cue in both hands, he shot it forward against the cueball, which in turn bounded against the pyramid of balls at the

upper end of the table. With a quick succession of sharp clicks the balls rattled into the pockets. The table was badly sagged at two corners, and after several sharp caroms the three last balls began to slow roll for the pockets.

"Thirteen," counted the crowd. "Fourteen-

The fifteenth ball hung on the edge of the pocket, caught by a slight wrinkle in the cloth. "Here it goes," cried Mister Jake, and he

leaped lightly upon the table; then with a graceful dive he shot head first through the open window.

The last ball clacked into a pocket. "Fifteen pockets-and a break,"

Meagher, flinging himself directly in front of As the crowd poured out of the Old Home

they heard the wild clatter of hoofs far up the saddle, and spurring his horse for a great effort, he opened a rapid fire on the dim figure in the distance.

The proprietor of the Old Home was so disturbed by the stirring events of the evening closing for the night. Scarcely was the last shutter barred when there came a soft rapping beneath the trap-door leading to the cellar. Then the door was cautiously forced upward, and the smiling face of Mister Jake appeared above the floor.

"Great Gosh! is that you?" gasped Meagher.

"The same," was the reply.

"And isn't it you they are tryin' to run down?"

"No; it's one of the Indians. Now feel my pockets and see if you can't find a key for these irons. I think the deputy put it there when he was looking for treat money." "The deputy?"

"Hurry, please."

With trembling hands Meagher fumbled through the pockets until he discovered the object of his search.

"Now use it," suggested Jake.

The key was inserted in the lock of the handcuffs and they dropped to the floor with a crash. Then the leg-irons received attention. and Mister Jake was a free man.

"Anything else, sir?" the proprietor inquired in quaking tones.

"Yes," said Mr. Jake, "give me your revolver and a sharp knife. Bury these irons in the cellar. Go at once and tell Miss Monica, the school-teacher, to meet me at Fenler's "Y' see," he began, "whiskey was bein' run Springs; she'll find horses there. We have to get out of Neosho tonight. Now tell me where to find Budd Spurr."

"He's over at Dutch Johann's with the rest of the crowd. But Mister Jake, you-you won't

"O. I won't kill him."

"I didn't mean him. It's the woman-she's lady."

Mister Jake grew suddenly grave, and there was a look in his face that few had ever seen. "God bless you, my friend," he said, slowly; 'she is a lady-and she is-my wife-has been

for ten years." Meagher grasped Mister Jake's hand in a vise-like grip.

"Now keep silent," continued Mister Jake, 'and you'll never regret it. In this business I have a partner-Pryor, agent for the Cherokee Nation. Bud Spurr found out what I was doing and informed. The law had to take its course-to a certain extent. The deputy was one of Pryor's men. We had this affair all arranged before the arrest; only the little tableau on the table wasn't down on the programme. Now, my friend, good-by."

Taking the knife and revolver provided by Meagher, Mister Jake climbed down into the cellar, and thence, by way of a back door gained the street. A few moments later he walked into the little dive of Dutch Johann.

The crowd was so stunned by the sudden appearance of the late prisoner that they sat in silence, gaping at the smiling face before them. "I see I'm unexpected, boys," said Mister Jake.

Still there was no greeting.

"I won't disturb you a moment," he continued. "I have a little business to settle before leaving you for good.—Bud Spurr, stand up!"

As Mister Jake pushed a revolver in Spurr's face, there was no room for argument. Bud stood up.

"Did you inform on me?" demanded Mister Jake.

"N-no-"

"Don't you try to lie to me."

"Well, I did, then," said Spurr, with a sudden air of bravado. The hammer of the revolver clicked twice. "You're not goin' to murder me!" cried

Spurr, his face turning white as death. "No," said Mister Jake, "O no! You look bad though, Bud. I'm afraid you're goin' to be awful sick. How's your pulse? Put out

your tongue, I say!" A loud laugh broke from the crowd as Bud Spurr slowly stuck out his tongue like a sick child. There was a flash of bright steel, a tortured scream, and Bud Spurr sank to the floor,

the red blood flowing from his mouth. "A little less tongue may add years to his life," remarked Mister Jake; and by the time the crowd comprehended just what had occurred, the man of the smiling face was embracing his wife at Fenler's Spring. 2

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ZRO Pearsons put his head in at the kitchen door of the farmhouse.

"I'm going to hitch up to go to mill, mother," he said. "Have you got any errands down to the village you want me to do?"

"Take Grace Helen's letters to the Post Office and mail them," Mr. Pearsons' wife replied from the pantry, where she was making pies. She spoke indistinctly, owing to the fact that she had been

earthen bowlful of mincemeat to see if it was properly seasoned. When she could speak more plainly she added the information: "The letters are on the mantel shelf, right beside the clock."

interrupted while sampling a large yellow

Mr. Pearsons came into the room to get the letters.

"For the land sakes, mother," he exclaimed, when he had taken them down from the shelf, "what has that girl got in these letters? They're as fat as if they'd swallowed a toad, every one of them."

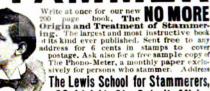
His wife came to the door of the pantry, her hands covered with flour. "It's only one of Grace Helen's notions," she said. "There's five grains of corn in each one of those letters. I thought you heard her 'ell last night that she was going to put them in."

"Corn?" cried Grace Helen's father, in wonder. "What on earth is she sending off corn in letters for. What kind of corn is it? 'Taint seed corn at this time of the year, I hope?"

"No, it sin't seed corn," his wife replied, laughing. "I told you it was one of her notions. Those are the letters inviting folks to Thanksgiving, and she put five kernels of corn in each invitation, because she said that was what the old Pilgrims used to do in remembrance of the famine they had, when Miles Standish, or somebody else, dealt them out five kernels of corn apiece, because it was all they could have. She got the idea that time she went home from school to spend Thanksgiving with that girl from Rhode Island."

Mr. Pearsons was "hefting" one of the letters in his hand. "I bet a cent," he said, "I'll

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His wife had returned to her pies in the pantry. She came to the door again to answer his last question. "That is that dressmaker in Boston that Grace Helen was talking about. The one who has got a lame sister. Grace Helen says they live in just one room and a closet, up two flights of stairs, and do their cooking over a kerosene stove. The one who can walk goes out to work some, but the other stays to home all of the time and sews. Grace Helen says they do beautiful work. Some of the girls at school found them. They made a dress for her, the way she got acquainted with them. She has invited them to come and stay two weeks, because they wouldn't hardly feel as if they ought to go to the expense of the car fare just for a day or two; and for fear they wouldn't come she wrote that it would be a real favor to us if they would come and stay long enough to do some work for us. Of course we shall pay them, and they can use our machine. Grace Helen has got her new woolen dress to make up for winter, and a skirt, and I'm going to have them make over my black cashmere,-I might as well,- and I shouldn't wonder but what there might be some others here would want work done. Goodness knows ever since Annette Stillings got married it's been just about impossible to get anybody here to even look at a dress, much less make one."

Mr. Pearsons had helped himself to a warm doughnut from a panful, freshiy fried, which sat on the kitchen table. He sat on the edge of the woodbox to eat it. "Grace Helen is a good girl," he said. "I'm glad they're coming. But I wish I'd known about that corn, so's to have picked out a good bright ear. I'm afraid she got them kernels off of a nubbin."

When he had finished eating the doughnut the farmer put the letters in his coat pocket and went to the village.

From the time Grace Helen had been named to the time when she had grown to be a young woman and had gone away to school, the neighbors had said of her parents, "They'll spoil that child just as sure as the world; you see if they don't."

"Why under the sun don't they give her a sensible name, such as Maria, or Sarah," the critics had said, years before, when the baby was named; and then when they had learned that the baby's mother had not only named her Grace Helen, but proposed to call her by both the pretty names, they found new cause for disapproval. When the child had outgrown the district school, and the village academy and had gone away to a woman's college, the neighbors said: "They'll just make her unsettled. She won't never be contented to come back here and settle down to live to home."

In this, though, they had been mistaken Not only did Grace Helen love her father and mother and her home so well that she was happier at home than anywhere else, but she came to have a very decided opinion that if she hankered after a "career." one opened for her at home as plainly as anywhere else. When she had been at school some of the girls in her class had helped sustain the work of a "house settlement" in one of the crowded quarters of Boston. One day just after she had returned from a long visit home, and was talking over with the girls new plans for the settlement work, she exclaimed, "I tell you what, girls, I've made up my mind to one thing. It isn't necessary to go into the slums of the city to find chances to work. There's work enough in country towns, just like the one where I live. I don't mean just such work as we do here, but work enough, to try to help people there make their lives broader and better and more helpful to other people. I don't mean all of them. but some. When I get through school I'm going to settle down right at home, and begin a social settlement there."

The girls had laughed, at the time. They had not thought she meant what she said, nor had she felt quite sure, herself, when she was talking, but afterwards, when she had really finished school and gone home, the idea had returned to her with new force, and now she was gradually working it out, although so unobtrusively that no one of those in the New Hampshire town where she lived, who had felt its influence, would have been able to say what it was which had made life brighter during the last year and a half.

The minister had said to his wife once, speaking of Grace Helen, "It is a great help to have another such bright mind in the congregagation. The close attention with which she follows what I am saying is a great help to me when I am speaking." And, all unconsciously, he took more pains to prepare his sermons. The meetings of the Christian Endeavor Society were brightened by her suggestions, and those of the sewing society enlivened by her presence. While she had lived in Boston she had many opportunities to see and hear famous speakers and writers. She had an entertaining way of describing these people, and of repeating the things which she had heard them My. More than one member of that circle

TAKING CHANCES.

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THE EXTREME OF FOLLY.

The most foolhardy man who ever risked his life, or the most infatuated gambler who ever

risked his fortune, is a sage compared with the man who attempts to get the best of Nature. The foolhardy man may succeed. The gambler may win. But the man who takes chances with Nature is bound to lose. If the obituaries of tens of thousands who are cut down annually in life's prime were truly written death would not be attributed to this or that form of disease, but to an attempt to evade the necessary laws of The weak apot in

the modern man is his stomach. It is in disease of the stomach that many of the maladies begin which carry off the busy men of the day. The seed of disease once planted in the stomach grows and spreads like some climbing parasite about a tree. It throws out a tendril about the heart and presently another which grips the lungs, and others again which take hold of kidneys and liver. Then suddenly the man is smitten by heart disease or lung disease; or succumbs to some malady of kidneys or liver. The real seat of disease is the stomach. And one of the reasons why the diseases of the other organs often fail of a cure is that the treatment ignores the stomach, and attempts to treat directly the other organs, whose diseases are only symptoms of disease of the stomach and the other organs of digestion and nutrition.

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out realizing to what an extent that was due to the quiet influence of one member. The town had a magazine club, and interest in the really good town library had been strengthened. People began to find that there were other interesting subjects for conversation besides their own personal affairs and those of their neigh-

The city seamstress and her sister came the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Grace Helen and her father went to the station to meet them with a comfortable two-seated carriage. When they reached home the farmer lifted the lame girl out in his arms and carried her into the house. The big comfortable farmhouse, the good home-cooked food, and the crisp November country air combined to make a new world for the city girls.

"I don't wonder it seems good to them," Mrs. Pearsons told her husband privately, "after living and eating and sleeping in one room and a closet."

The next week both visitors borrowed big aprons and worked in the kitchen, helping get ready for the Thanksgiving dinner. The one who was lame sat in a rocking chair and seeded raisins. The other helped Mrs. Pearsons cook, trembling at times to see the farmer's wife dish out butter and sugar, and break fresh eggs.

Meanwhile they learned about the other guests who were coming to help keep the day. John's family, and Amasa's, and Maria, who was a widow with no children, and Elam Peterson, who, Mrs. Pearsons explained, "is a sort of elbow cousin of mine, who hasn't any near relations of his own."

After Thanksgiving week there was a week another and after ewing and then still another, for the women of the neighborhood came bringing work to be done.

The result of it was that at the end of a month the dressmaker went back to Boston alone, to give up their one room there and pack what little furniture they had to be freighted to the New Hampshire town. The farmer and Grace Helen helped them to furnish a comfortable little tenement in the village, on the front of which, in time, a modest sign announced their occupation. Work came to them in plenty, and health and happiness in such measure as they had never before known, while they, in time, were able to give their share of help and pleasure to the country people.

One day the farmer, waiting for his daughter in the dressmaker's sitting-room, saw hanging on the wall a tiny glass vial tied with a blue ribbon to a card on which a date had been painted in gilt. Inside the vial were five golden grains of corn.

"What's that?" he asked, pointing to the card.

"That is the corn—the five kernels of corn-

house." the lame seamstress said, adding, "we keep them for remembrance, and because of the good which has come to us by means of them."

The farmer had bent over to look at the bottle closely. "Yes," he said, as he straightened up, "Grace Helen did use good seed, after

A POINT IN QUESTION.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HARRIST W. SEAVER.

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NE day, about fortyfour years ago, I was sitting on my stoop wondering how in the world to raise a couple of hundred dollarson nothing save some waste land to the north of my little farm, when a stranger rode up and solved the problem in less time than it takes to tell it.

"Your land isn't worth a d-but I want all I can get of it for \$500", said the stranger, and it didn't take me long to sign the papers and give to him deeds which made over to him considerably more than half I possessed. My \$500

cash for a time compensated for my regret at losing this rocky little stretch of land which, however useless, had from associations and memory become dear to me. And I hurried away to Butte City (a distance of about 60 miles northward), to drown sentiment and forget.

It was not until two weeks later, on my return, that I had a chance to repent at leisure when I learned that this stranger was fairly coining money on my lands. Had he been a man even my own equal in physique I could have borne the thought with more grace. But he, a lame man, hobbling around upon a crutch for support, had discovered in my earth the precious gold no one had dreamed existed in our section of Montana.

Miners from all the surrounding country were hastening our way, but the little cripple was shrewd and with the exception of men from the cities who meant to invest, not a soul was allowed to put so much as a foot within his border. His claim was that his land was on a vein, and was saturated, so to speak, with the precious metal. And bags and bags of earth were carted to the nearest railroad and shipped to Butte where it was examined and reported to be the richest ever assayed.

Then I began to scurry about, but not a particle of "the vein" touched the land I had left me, which was the first suspicion in the community that there was something savoring of a fraud, and finally a government inspector came our way and decided to investigate. All this time the little lame man was seen hobbling about instructing a gang of laborers on a tunnel he was digging down through toward the richest part of the land lying "nearest the vien", so he expressed it. The inspector, as we afterward learned was sent from parties in the East who had heard of this "find" and had decided to buy the entire land of the cripple provided he would ship to them twenty-five bags of earth taken from different places where the inspector chose to dig it himself, and if it proved as rich by half as the owner claimed, they would give him \$50,000 and close the bargain.

That was an exciting day for all who were interested, for we not only doubted, but were positive the whole thing was a carefully devised plot to swindle. The inspector furnished his own bags so that nothing could be wrong with those, and not until they were filled and tied and on the platform ready for shipment did the owner even see them, but just as the rein ceme in he drove un end good leg around them he counted and sounded each by a tap with his crutch, and in his miserly way chuckled to himself and hopped off.

The next week was one of suspense, for there was delay and we had been assured the man would either be arrested or paid his fifty thousand dollars within a few days, and I was anxious to get my little farm together again and thus, I must confess, I greedily foresaw the stranger in prison and my five hundred dollars clear gain.

But, wonder of wonders, the bags were declared unsurp, ingly rich, the gold being found in marveious quantities scattered through the dirt. The money was sent immediately, and before the purchasers could reach the spot the stranger had gone, just as silently as he had come. Within a few days a little city had sprung up around us and with the newcomers and the capital, prosperity, for a change. looked us in the face. But this was of short duration. The next shipment of bags was declared absolutely worthless, containing nothing but mother earth—and so our boom and wealth all disappeared and more than one disappointcongratulated herself on the fact that "we misery," writes Mrs. Mollie Colgate, Randolph, never talk goesip in our ladies' society," with- Charlotte Co., Va. "No tongue could express to Thanksgiving, when we came to your the city—their dream of an Eldorado colipsed ed wagon load turned their faces back toward by their wrath toward the man who had so

duped them.

This was years ago—the land of so much promise reverted to me and until yesterday no

promise reverted to me and until yesterday no one had ever solved the mystery of those twenty-five bags of gold.

Many believed that the cripple was possessed of some demoniac powers, but I always felt there was more trickery than witchery in the transaction, and as I stumbled around in the ruins of the little hut where he used to live I found underneath a broken board in the floor an old norm-eaten crutch and beside it were an old worm-eaten crutch and beside it were numerous small empty bottles labelled Bi-chloride of Gold. This meant little to me for a moment until, on examination, I found the crutch contained a tube opening into a needle point in the bottom, and at the part of the crutch where the hand rests a bulb-like arrangement concealed by the cross supporting bar of the crutch.

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Then the cripple's behavior on the depot platform came back to me and I recalled that what seemed merely a tap as he pretended to count each bag, probably was a movement which inserted the needle point (or the foot of the crutch) into the bag of dirt, and pressing the bulb squirted into it this solution of gold which was assayed so pure.

This was not in the time of "Arabian Nights" yet I made five hundred dollars without an

yet I made five hundred dollars without an exertion, and a good story, which you may repeat as authentic.

CRIP CHASE'S THANKSGIVING.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY BRINKTON MEARS.

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ESTLED among the hills of Northern Vermont is a lake that is noted for miles about for its excellent fishing. The lake is long and narrow and there is evidence that at one time there was a dam near the center that divided it into two smaller lakes or ponds, ridges of sand and stone appearing here and there when the water is lowest in midsummer. The story of this dam and its subsequent removal forms an interesting chapter of rural New England life, quick temper and final softening of hearts.

Christopher Chase, or Crip, as he was commonly called, and Jonathan Haskell owned the land joining this lake and consequently owned jointly the waters of the lake. Here they had fished together for forty years, frequently in the same boat or within hailing distance of each other, ready to hold up an extra sized fish when secured. The rupture in their friendly relations finally came as a result of words over the proposed selling of permits to fish on the lake. A sportsman from the city had whispered a suggestion to Crip that favorably impressed the farmer and that very night he broached the subject to his neighbor Has-

"I won't be party to sellin' no permits for fishin' in the lake," said Jonathan, lighting his pipe, "there's good fishin' there now and I want it to continue. We've been friends and mighty close ones, too, for nigh onto fifty year, Crip, but I put my foot down fair and square agin this foolishness."

agin this foolishness."
"Well, by hemlock," said Crip at length, bringing his fist down on the table with a mighty thump, "if ye won't agree to it I'll run a dam across where my land j'ines yourn and run my half to suit myself."
"And if ye do I'll sue ye," roared Jonathan, springing to his feet, "I'll sue ye, if it takes my bottom dollar."
The following day, true to his word, Crip

bottom dollar."

The following day, true to his word, Crip Chase began work on the proposed dam, hauling gravel and stone from a great gravel pit located on his farm. It was slow work and it is altogether probable that Crip would have tired of it and given it up were it not for the fact that each load showed Jonathan that Crip meant just what he said when he threatened to build the dam, and to give up would have seemed like a voluntary yielding to his neighbor.

neighbor.
Meanwhile Jonathan brought suit for damages, alleging that the dam marred the landscape and that the best ground for fishing was
at Crip's end of the lake, both of which assertions were perfectly true. Aired in the courts,
however, the case went against Jonathan and
the dam was pushed forward with renewed
vigor until completed.

Finally Crip took steps to stock his pond
with trout and two years from the time when
the trout were first introduced he advertised,
with the result that when the law was off a ages, alleging that the dam marred the land-

with the result that when the law was off a week later, a dozen sportsmen availed themselves of the facilities offered, paying handsomely for the privilege of fishing on the pond and in the stream that fed it in part. Additional boats were built and it was no uncom-

tional boats were built and it was no uncommon sight to see half a dozen fishermen on the water at one time. The fishing continued excellent and there was every promise of the venture proving a remunerative one.

It was now all of three years since Chase and Haskell had spoken to each other; frequently they passed on the road, but one or the other would whip up his horse if driving, or quicken the steps if walking, the while puffing away at their pipes like steam engines. What was Crip's surprise therefore, to see Jonathan pull up his horse one August morning and remark the fine weather and general condition of the the fine weather and general condition of the

crops.
"There are sizable fish in your pond by this time, I take it," said Jonathan, looking keenly at his neighbor.

"At times there are good ones hooked, responded Crip, "come over and try your luck, John, you're welcome to any of the boats."

"Maybe I will." said Jonathan, "though

A week had not elapsed since the meeting and conversation on the road, when a fisherman returned to the house one morning after being out less than an hour, his rod broken and tackle ruined.

"The best thing you can do is to rid your confounded pond of a shark," said he, wrathfully addressing Crip, "there's a fish sporting out there that weighs a hundred pounds if he weighs an ounce. He has broken a twenty dollar rod for me."

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Crip had pondered long over Jonathan's affability, and with the learning of the presence of a large fish that snapped the best tackle as though it were a pipestem, light began to break—Jonathan, biding his time for revenge, had managed to introduce some great fish to the waters of his neighbor's pond—that was the thought that came to Crip.

Other reports of the great fish came in, more rods were demolished and sportsmen raged, but it was not until late in the fall that Crip had an opportunity to fish for the creature that snapped all tackle, slaughtered smaller fish and generally terrorized the denizens of the pond.

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All through the fore part of November Crip trolled the pond with a stout pole, a multiplying reel paying out a hundred feet or more of the strongest line obtainable. It was not until just before Thanksgiving, however, that success attended his efforts to allure the great fish to take the hook.

Crip was paddling leisurely across the pond one morning, remarking to himself the unusual fact of the winter holding off and no ice forming, though it was but a day to Thanksgiving, when of a sudden the reel began to pay out line with exceeding rapidity, and an instant later, a hundred feet or more astern of the canoe, a fish, the largest by far that he had ever seen, leaped out of water, endeavoring to dislodge the fatal hook.

Dropping the paddle, Crip seized the rod and began to reel in the line as rapidly as possible, recovering some forty feet before the fish changed his course. Though Crip was an expert with the rod, in less than ten seconds it had snapped under the severe strain, and Crip found himself holding onto the line, the hooked fish making straight for deep water, and the canoe flying across the pond as though run by an electric motor. Crip had not the slightest idea what the end of this novel chase would be, but come what would he was determined that he would hold on and land his fish if it were a possible thing. Little by little he gathered in the line, the while trying his best to keep his balance and prevent an overturning of the canoe.

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About thirty feet from the farther shore was a bar where the water was less than three feet deep. It was just above this bar that the fish, realizing the nearness of the shore, made a short turn, upsetting the canoe in the twinkling of an eye, a fact that turned out very fortunately for the fisherman. The instant his feet touched bottom, Crip knew that he was master of the situation, and gathering in the line as fast as possible, dragged the fish nearer and nearer until he was able to slip one hand in behind the gills.

in behind the gills.

There was no doubt in Crip's mind as to the one who had promoted the scheme for ruining the fishing in his pond, but now that the danger was over, far from desiring to widen the breech between the two families, realizing that he himself had unduly incensed his neighbor, he determined to bring about if possible a return of the old feeling of friendliness and good turn of the old feeling of friendliness and good fellowship.
Crops this year had proved practically a fail-

ure and not a few farmers in the state were obliged to see their properties seized by the rapacious money-lenders. Others were living from hand to mouth, hoping that things would take a better turn when the winter had passed. Among the latter was Jonathan Haskell and his family.

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Crip took the old path across the fields, now wellnigh obliterated, to Jonathan's homestead, having changed his dripping garments for dry ones, well knowing the tight place in which his neighbor was wedged through the failure of crops and aware that Thanksgiving would be a dreary day for him.

Jonathan was at work at the chopping-block when Crip arrived.

"I come over to see if you wouldn't eat Thanksgiving dinner along with us," said Crip, laying his hand on Jonathan's arm, "we're going to have a critter for dinner that would feed forty folks."

Jonathan's face lighted up with a look akin to joy, but he did not trust himself to speak for a moment.

"We'll come, Crip, if—if you want us," said he at length, "Amos is coming home to-morrow, and I was just thinkin' that there wasn't no turkey and no nothin' except potatoes and corn head."

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The following day when his guests had ar-

rived, Crip threw open the door to the brick

oven.
"See here, Jonathan," said he, "how's that for a turkey? caught it in the pond yesterday— a Mascalonge, weighs sixty-seven pounds." Three times Jonathan attempted to speak,

but each time his tongue clove to the roof of his mouth.
"Not a word, John," said Crip, "that fish

will never trouble any one again; suppose we drop the subject forever."

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Jonathan was alone in the room with Crip, and dropping into a chair he buried his face in his hands and cried like a baby.

"You're hard pushed just now, John," said Crip, backing up against the door so that no one could enter, "and what do you say to having the dam removed? the water is low and neither of us can do much other work; it will mean twelve dollars a week to you. Another spring we will go into the selling of permits on the half and half basis."

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"Crip," said Jonathan, gripping his neighbor's hand until the latter winced, "Crip, ye are too good to me; I don't deserve it."

The following week work was commenced on the removing of the dam, and three months

from that time the waters of the two ponds

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THE SEVENTH SON.

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ERTRU.DE'S mother smiled indulgently, and said, "What fool-ishness!" when she saw us start down cellar with the looking

"Be sure and not set anything on fire with that candle," she added.

The rest of the company said various things, and Bob, the boy who was the seventh son of a seventh son, was the recipient of numerous unsolicited suggestions.

"Set the candle on the hanging shelf," said Aunt Emmeline, "and then stand in

the darkest corner and hold the glass so that the light will shine over your shoulder." "And see a goose," interpolated one of Bob's

brothers.

"So I surely will," retorted Bob, "when you look over my shoulder."

"Bobby dear won't need any candle to light up the glass when he looks in it to see Gertrude's future husband," said Anna, my fiance's younger sister; and this made them all laugh at me, for my hair is as nearly flame color as it is possible for anybody's hair to be.

So they went down the cellar stairs, alone, one after the other, and came back with vary-

one after the other, and came back with varying reports. As a general thing, though, the coats fitted, for Bobby was a quick-witted boy and knew his family's foibles.

Edward, his oldest brother, looked decidedly self-conscious when he came up and the report which floated up after him was, "I couldn't make out anything, so many faces floated across the glass;" for Edward was notoriously fickle. Anna came up beaming. "He said he saw a marble house, and a yacht, and trips to Europe, and diamonds, and dresses, and a handsome husband who will be good to me," she said.

"You'll do Bobby's mending after this, to pay for that, I hope," was Anna's sister's comment.

Then came my turn to go. "We'll hold Ger-

Then came my turn to go. "We'll hold Gertrude back, so she can't creep down and peep over your shoulder," said two of Gertrude's brothers—there were seven of them—"so you can have a fair chance."

I went laughingly down the stairs. The light of the candle set high on the hanging shelf made the cellar a picture of brown shades and deep shadows which a Dutch artist would have loved to paint. In the coolest corner were the cider barrels, rolled side by side, and on shelves over them dozens of glass cans of fruit. A bin of potatoes and one of apples were near together, and there was a smell of pickles and peppers in the air.

Bobby stood in the far corner, holding the looking glass in front of him, his back towards me. I crept up to him softly, for it was a condition of the test that he must not know whose fortune he was to tell until he saw the face in

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the glass.
At last I stood behind him. An instant later At last I stood behind him. An instant later a cry rang through the cellar so sharp and awful that it silenced the talk and laughter of the people in the rooms above and brought them frightened to see what was the matter. The boy had fallen senseless on the cellar bottom, breaking the mirror against the stone wall as he fell. The light of the candle shone back from a dozen fragments of broken glass scattered on the ground.

We carried him upstairs and laid him on a lounge in the sitting-room. Some one said "go for a doctor!" but his mother and his aunt said "no, not yet. Perhaps we may not need

one; and bathed his head and cared for him themselves. Soon, beneath their hands, he shivered and then began to talk, faintly, but plainly enough so that we could distinguish every word.

"The storm grows thicker," he said. "Can no one turn the steamer back? This awful cold!" and shuddered again. "The cruel wind!—God help—help—help—their souls!"

That was the first Thanksgiving after Gertrude and I were engaged, and I had gone with her to keep the festival at the home of her Aunt Emmeline. Gertrude's aunt lived in the Aunt Emmeline. Gertrude's aunt lived in the old house in Scituate, which had been the home of the family for generations. It was one of those great square houses, with huge chimneys and many fireplaces, which the prosperous farmer-fishermen who lived on Cape Cod built before the Revolution. The rooms were big enough to put a modern cottage inside any one of them, and the hammer and saw of the carpenter had been allowed to touch the old house only to add to it the conveniences of modern life, without altering its appearance.

modern life, without altering its appearance.

Aunt Emmeline was older than Gertrude's father. She had never married and had always lived in the old home,—with a man and his wife to do the work for her—keeping open house for all the children and grandchildren during the vacation season, and, so they all said, maintaining a hospital for any of the relations who needed change of air and a gen-

relations who needed change of air and a general bracing up.

Thanksgiving was always kept at Aunt Emmeline's home; and there would be a houseful there, for besides Gertrude's father's family, in which there were ten boys and girls, there were other nieces and nephews.

That was the way the evening's fortune tell-

That was the way the evening's fortune telling had begun. Gertrude's seven brothers had lain down in a row on the floor, heads touching heels, and the line stretching from one cor-ner of the big room to the opposite corner, "to see what a string of boys pa and ma have got," as one of the boys had said. Then some one had called Bobby the seventh; and the old superstition had been commented on. Then had transpired, what none of the younger

members of the family had known, that if four members of the family had known, that if four tiny graves, whose headstones had crumbled now for many years in the old Scituate grave-yard were to be counted, Bobby himself was the mystic seventh son of a seventh son. Then some one had proposed the trial with the mirror. The older ones half-laughing, half-protesting, had allowed it, and Aunt Emmeline had brought a looking glass with a queer fret-sawed frame, an heirloom of her grandfather's.

Now they blamed themselves. "Poor boy!"

Now they blamed themselves. "Poor boy!" his aunt said, as she put camphor on his head. "It was too great a strain." Bobby was only fifteen. "I ought not to have let him do it." After a time the boy opened his eyes, and sat up, looking around him in a dazed way. "What is the matter?" he asked.

He was quite himself, then, only weak, but he could remember nothing of what had happened in the cellar after Anna had come up, nor did he know anything of what he had said after we had laid him upon the lounge.

But we tried no more experiments in fortune telling, that night, and I, for one, after I had gone to bed, lay awake for a long time to listen to the boom of the breakers coming in across Massachusetts Bay to beat up the Scituate beach.

ate beach.

That was in 1898. Thanksgiving that year came November 30th, the last Thursday in the month. I was to start the following Saturday for a long trip "down East," into Maine and the provinces. My sample trunks were packed, ready for the transfer company's wagon to come for them, and my passage was already booked. booked.

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I had always told my friends that one reason why I had been attracted to Gertrude was because she was so sensible. Of course some of them had smiled at this, in an aggravating way, and said, "There are others;" as if I thought I was the only man and Gertrude the only woman of commonsense in the world.

But the day after Thanksgiving Gertrude came to me, just before I was to start to go back to Boston, and put her arms about my neck and asked me to give up my December trip, or at least to put it off for a while.

I told her I could not possibly do either; and after I had talked with her for a little, she showed that what I had said of her was true, for she kissed me and said, "Go, if you think best, Francis; but oh! please let me hear from you often, for I shall worry so about you in spite of all that I can do."

I don't think that I could tell, even now, whether it was the recollection of that one awful cry of fear, there in the cellar, which made me do it, but Saturday, after I had mailed Gertrude a long cheerful letter telling her not to worry about me, I followed it up with a telegram saying that I would leave Boston that night by train instead of by boat.

If I had not I should not have told this story; for I was booked to go on the Portland, and every one who remembers the terrible storm which began Saturday night knows how that steamer went out or port that evening to disappear with all on board her.

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THE PASSION PLAY OF 1900.

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N a level plateau at the foot of the Bavarian Alps, and within two miles of the point where the watershed sends the rivers down toward Munich, lying nearly one hun-dred miles away, is the little Tyrolean village of O ber Ammergau, which has received this received this year unusual attention from the fact that the only Passion Play which is allowed by the Roman Catholic Church was performed there and filled the village with crowds of tourists, largely American, who flocked thither to witness the most stupendous play of this kind ever attempted.

Rind ever attempted.

In modern

presenting in a theatrical way the Saviour of mankind is frowned upon by all intelligent people, and an attempt to bring out the Passion Play in New York City met with such disapprobation that the scheme was abandoned. Even in that magnificent spectacle of Ben Hur, the instinct against sacrilege was so strong that Christ himself never appears in the play even at the time of the miracles, but His presence is made known by electric light effects, combined with touching, religious music.

The idea of sacrilege, however, in such theatrical presentations has not always obtained in men's minds; and throughout the Middle Ages the Holy Church encouraged what were called

men's minds; and throughout the Middle Ages the Holy Church encouraged what were called mysteries or miracle plays. These were generally what would now be considered caricatures of holy subjects, and were performed in a crude and rude sort of a way in booths or on platforms at plays and in all kinds of public assemblages. The present Passion Play is but an outcome of these mysteries, and until a comparatively recent date was played in the same coarse and ridiculous way. Until recomparatively recent date was played in the same coarse and ridiculous way. Until reformed, it was customary to have the traitor Judas suicide on the stage, and his bowels gushing forth were formed into sausages which were distributed by the High Priest to the hungry crowd in waiting. So far from being the solemn and impressive entertainment that it is now, it was a mixture of religious superstition and amusement. stition and amusement.

The world owes the present wonderful Passion Play to a vow taken by the inhabitants of this little Bavarian town immediately after Europe had been devastated by the Thirty Years' War. The country had been swept by opposing armies for years, and death, burning and pillage had been on every side. Peace was and pillage had been on every side. Peace was followed by that most dreaded epidemic, the black death, which swept over Europe, carrying away thousands and thousands of her already decimated population. Those that were able to flee

from the infected towns to places of safet y would do so. It so happened that in one city where the plague was viru-lent, a prominent inhabitant of Ober Ammergau was tran-sacting some busi-ness. His

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Cas per unknown

Schuchler, and with his wife he was sojourning in a German city. At the outbreak of the plague in this city they returned, without letting the inhabitants know that they had been where the black death was. They brought the infection with them, and in thirty-three days number of foreigners, but it was reserved for eighty-four persons in this little town had died. Hemmed in by the mountains, with no prospect of relief, they gathered in a church to world. It has been made familiar by literature, lectures, and many other ways during the past seek Divine help, and there made the vow that so long as the village remained, if God would take away the plague, they would perform the miracle play for the world's benefit every ten

years.

Never was a vow more quickly answered, for it is related that death immediately stopped and that the sick were restored to health. From that time until the present the play has been given decennially, the only interruptions having been caused by the wars which have prevalled in Europe, the last interruption of this kind being in 1870 when, at the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, the then Christus was taken down from the cross, placed in uniform and joined his company of Bavarian artillery to fight the French.

It is difficult to understand, unless one has been into the village itself, how thoroughly the entire thoughts of the community are connected with this Passion Play. One of the gights of the village is the number of cows which every night come down from the moun-

sights of the village is the number of cows which every night come down from the mountain pasture lands into the village to be milked to supply the demands of the visitors. Upon each is a tinkling bell and at this hour the whole village is filled with a melody of sound. There is a most intense rivalry and ambition among the inhabitants of the village for parts in the play itself. Nearly five hundred appear at one time in costume, and from their merest infancy they are taught that the highest work they could do in life is to successfully take part in the play. From the tableau of Christ blessing the children to the characters necessing the child

necessary ages in the parts; so that it is true that representatives from the cradle to the grave are necessary in its production. The local government is most democratic and

The local government is most democratic and is run mainly in relation to a successful production of the next play. The house-holders elect the Burgermeister and Council. The Parish Priest and six others, called the Passion Committee, with those elected, form the government of the village. The nominations for the present year took place last December, and caused much rivalry throughout the village. In 1890, it was expected that Peter Rendl, the John of that year, would be the Christus in the play; but it was necessary that Christus should have a flowing beard, which Rendl's refused to become with advancing age, so that this year he again acted John which is the only important part except that of Judas taken by the same actor as in the cast ten years ago. John Meyer the Christus of 1870-1, 1880 and 1890, was too old and his beard too grizzled for the performance of that part this year, although he was too old and his beard too grizzled for the performance of that part this year, although he was strongly supported by the villagers. Since May the former Burgermeister has died and Meyer has assumed that office. He was prominent this year in the play as leading the chorus and reciting the Prologue, which is considered the honorary assignment for those who have grown too old for the more youthful parts. There was much rivalry this year, as the older school villagers desired to have a veteran actor for the part of Christus; but the committee decided that Anton Lang, who is only twenty-five years of age, should take the principal part. These actors all do manual labor, and one of their greatest sources of income is the sale of articles made by themselves to travelers.

one of their greatest sources of income is the sale of articles made by themselves to travelers. They work in wood, clay, and fabrics, and have many ways of turning an honest penny. Lang is a potter, and his father, who acts as Herod, does the same work. They live in a white house opposite the theater. Rendl has a shop of his own and sells exquisite carving both by himself and by other important players.

Throughout the village are seen these long haired actors, and they are pointed out by the villagers and their friends as such and such a character, either in the play this year, or as one who has won

renown in some character in the past decades. In fact, but very few of the princi-pal personages of the village are disconnected in the mind of the traveler at any time from the characters which they bear in the play itself; so that one always refers to having purchased this or that from so and so who was such character in

Originally the ANTON LANG AS CHRISTUS.

play was pro-duced in the open fields. In the course of time a stage was erected, and from this has gradually evolved the present theatre. It is unlike the theatres that we naturally have in our minds, being open to the elements, and until this year unroofed. There was no scenery in the back of the theatre, the view of the distant mountains forming what is supposed to be the view to-ward Jerusalem. Being in a mountainous country, there are many sudden and severe showers, and much cold. Sometimes it is necessary for the audience to carry with them blankets and other bed clothing to wrap around in

> the coats and wraps which they naturally carry, and it is seldom that the need of extra cloth-ing is not felt even in bright days. It must

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world. It has been made familiar by literature, lectures, and many other ways during the past ten years until this last performance, when it was overcrowded at all times. There are supposed to be only three performances each week; but whenever the crowd justified it special daily performances vevery day during the season. were given almost

To return to the theatre:

The hall holds four thousand seats, or six hundred less than in 1890, and by a clever arrangement visitors cannot stay anywhere except in the village. The tickets for the tickets for the play are issued only in connec-tion with the rooms in the village; that is to say, you have to order both

which is decided by the Passion Committee. Most of the stage is open to the rain and sun, and stands framed in a background of green hills and blue sky; but the auditorium is entirely covered over by huge iron girders, in the form of a gigantic arch, and on these girders boards are fastened. These are covered with canvas painted yellow, which at a distance looks like stone, but the illusion vanishes as you approach. It is a curious fact that the covering over the auditorium caused much adverse criticism, as taking away from the distinctive character of the performance.

In addition to the ticket system, which compels all people to stop at Ober Ammergau, the railway from Munich has practical monopoly, except for the few odd-looking vehicles which come in from neighboring towns, and which of thems

selves are a source of great interest to the tourist. The train leaves Munich at four A. M., arriving in time for the commencement of the performance, which is at eight A. M.

The duration

of the performance is eight hours, there being an intermis-sion of an hour and a half for luncheon when it is about half through. It closes for the day at 5.30 P. M. These villagers are thrifty in the

extreme, and recognize the value of a monopoly in the production of the Passion Play. It is said that production of the Passion Play. It is said that so strong have they become in influence political and financial, that they are able to pull strings which will prevent a reproduction in any country. Aside from all the religious character of the play, underneath everything is always in evidence the ability to make an honest dollar. The most rigid rules are enforced against cameras, kodaks, and even sketch books, as a monoply of these rights is given to companies which must be protected. No smoking is allowed within thirty yards and no person can stand up during the play. There no person can stand up during the play. There is the same desire to sell souvenirs, photographs. is the same desire to sell souvenirs, photographs, autographs, etc., which always characterizes any place of sight seeing, and additional interest is given to the articles sold in this case by the fact that the sellers are generally connected in person with the sight itself. Neither more nor less advantage is taken of the fact that there is always a good market for their wares than is taken in any other country; and while it is customary to believe these people saturated with the spirit of the Passion Play so that it shows out in their ordinary lives, it must be confessed that contact with them shows them to be as thoroughly alive to the value of the

be confessed that contact with them shows them to be as thoroughly alive to the value of the dollar as would be the keenest Yankee.

It is impossible to tell in print the beauty of the play. It is bringing in realism the life of the Saviour, and placing you not in acquaintance with Him as a character in the New Testament, but real and vivid as a part of a crowd of Galileans around in Jerusalem, and as if you were actually taking part in the events of that time. One of the best English writers says of it as follows:

"Its human significance, for, thank God, we have at last seen Jesus as a man among men, a human being with no halo round his brow, no radiance not of this world marking him off apart from the rest of us his fellow-men, but simply Jesus the Galilean, gibbeted on the gallows of his time, side by side with the scum of mankind.

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"And it was this story that transformed the world! "Thou hast conquered, O pale Galilean!" Over how many tribes and nations and kindreds of men? On this very spot, by the side of the swift-flowing Ammer, what strange rites were being celebrated long centuries after the cry of victory over death burst from the lips of the Crucified, and yet here we stand today."

The acting is realism itself. It is difficult for the audience to restrain their passions at scenes in the play, and often the sound of moaning and sobbing will entirely drown the accents of the actor. The tableaux are realistic and intense and vivid in their coloring. The various emotions of the Jews, the brutality of the Roman soldiery, and the patient sweetness of Christ himself are marvelously reproduced.

Nothing in the whole history of Protestant-



THE THEATRE.

ism has ever shown to it the beauty of the group of Holy Women, whom, because others have incessantly worshipped, Protestants have been taught not to even contemplate. The most pathetic figure in the whole play is Mary, the Mother, who, next to the Christus, is the central figure. After her easily comes Mary the Magdalen, and through the whole play these two women stand out radiant as angels, and the true ideals of the womanhood of the world. While all the principal actors in this year's



Mrs. J. E. Jewett, of Metuchen, N. J., suffered for nearly half a century from rheumatism, and the manner in which she was cured is best told in her own words. She

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much stage machinery is used, which is not visible to the audience; and this is very neces-sary, for at the crucifixion Christ is suspended from the cross for nearly half an hour, and fin-

visible to the audience; and this is very necessary, for at the crucifixion Christ is suspended from the cross for nearly half an hour, and finally dies in extreme agony.

He really is supported by an iron corselet which is covered by his girdle and hooked to the cross. Certain scenes in the play, such as Christ sinking under the cross, and where the Roman soldiers place the crown of thorns upon his head, after which they press it on with an iron bar upon which they apparently bear their full weight, and the blood bursts from the forehead, are intense in agony. Where the side is pierced by the spear apparent blood flows down over the body, so that while actually holding to the detail of the passion, many stage effects are given which would do credit to a metropolitan theater. After each tableau concludes each special scene which has been acted and spoken, a gorgeously dressed chorus appears on the stage and in German song explains what is to follow in the next act. As the act commences, the chorus file off to left and right.

In conclusion, it is a remarkable fact to record that with all the crowds that have been to the village this year, the amount of criticism upon either accommodations, arrangements or the play itself has been too trivial to be noticed; and notwithstanding the fact that the audience has been composed every day of people gathered from the four quarters of the world, and representing all shades of religion and religious feeling, nothing but commendation has been heard of the play itself and the lessons that it teaches; and whoever has seen the play has come away with that feeling which comes to all that Christianity is real; that instead of being an abstract idea, the spectator has seen the realism and been a part of the time of Christ himself; and that in the play which he has witnessed, he has seen, vivid and bold, the actual production of that story which has transformed the world.

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Men. Women and Things.

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Count von Waldersee as the head of the allied forces in China, is a center of interest for the civilized world. His wife, who was Miss Mary Esther Lee of New York, has long been a brilliant figure in political and social circles of the old world. No American

woman who has made an "international marriage" has eclipsed or even equalled the brilliant achievements of Countess Waldersee. Her father was a native of the Nutmeg state who made a fortune in the grocery business in New York. His widow and daughter went to live in Stuttgart, Germany, and the young American woman soon won a position in the best social circles of the city. There she met Prince Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein, who fell desperately in love with the attractive young woman. He was seventy; she, twentysix. He renounced his title in order to wed the woman of his choice. They made a trip to the Holy Land and there six months after their marriage the Prince died, leaving to his young wife a fortune of \$4,000,000. She was already a favorite with the Emperor and received the title in her own right of Princess von Noer. From that time she has been recognized as a powerful influence in German politics. The Empress of Germany is the niece of the Countess by her first marriage. The marriage of Prince William, now the Kaiser, with the Princess Augusta William is generally ascribed to the powerful influence of the Countess. She married Count von Waldersee two years after the death of her first husband. It is believed that the Countess aimed to oust Bismarck and secure the Imperial Chancellorship for von Waldersee, whose career up to the time of his marriage had been wholly military. She organized the first and last salon that Berlin has known, and here the enemies of Bismarck congregated. The young Emperor took every occasion to show his regard for the Countess and she is said to be the only woman that the Kaiser has ever listened to with serious attention. The Emperor never neglected an occasion to show friendship and consideration for the Waldersees and was daily at the Countess' side in the troubled times that followed the death of the old Emperor. The battle royal between Bismarck and the Waldersees is past history and although the Iron Chancellor triumphed in the end, the prominence gained by his rival has never been lost. The Countess is six years younger than the Field Marshall. Her hair is snowy white but she is still considered a very handsome woman. Charming, brilliant and sympathetic she is one of the most clever and most ambitious women in all Europe. Her success is not the common social success of the American heiress who marrics a title. On the contrary it is the individual success of a brilliant woman who has made her place in the world,-not marred it.

The three peace commissioners for China are Li Hung Chang whose personality is well known in America, Chang Chih Tung and Lui K'un ih. Li Hung Chang is one of the richest men in the world and Chang Chih Tung is poor. He has had the same opportunities that have made Earl Li wealthy but it is to his credit that he remains poor, for in China it proves him to the talented American woman but a jealousy honest. He governs Hu Kuang or the Suo Lake Province. He is restless, progressive and a thorough believer in China on one hand and in the necessity for the adoption of Western ideas on the other. He is sometimes called a proforeign Viceroy, but personally he hates the "foreign devils." He is clever and progressive enough to realize the necessity for the adoption of Western ideas of government, education and economic progress. He founds schools and colleges and the process shows how far he departs from the slow, dilatory methods of Chinese officials. He decided one day to found an agricultural college in his province and directed that his secretary should telegraph at once to America for the professors. His state papers are famous for their literary excellence. He is thoroughly honest in a nation of tricky foremost portrait painters of the day.

officials, courageous enough to criticise the throne and far sighted and comprehending enough to shape a safe policy for China if the authorities will permit. As one of the Peace Commissioners he has an opportunity to serve his nation well if there is cohesion enough in the government to preserve the idea of Imperial power, and sense enough to allow the Commissioners to save China as a nation.

Lieutenant Winston Churchill is to lecture in the United States during the present winter. He is the son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill and his mother has long been a brilliant figure in the social, political and literary life of London. Jennie Jerome was a well-known New York belle when she married Lord Randolph Churchill. Her recent marriage to Mr. Cornwallis West, who is younger than her eldest son, excited much interest. Winston Churchill is but twenty-five years old but he has already attained much fame and distinguished himself both as a soldier and writer. He has seen active military service on three continents and in four campaigns-on General Suarez Valdez's staff in Cuba in 1895, on the frontier of India, in the Soudan and in South Africa. He was a member of the Fourth Hussars and took part in the capture of the Khalifa. His first book was "The Story of Malakand Field Force." Among his other books is "Savarola," a Tale of the Revolution in Laucania. He was captured during the Boer war and made his escape. He expressed pleasure at the event as it made copy for his book the first chapters of which were written during the homeward voyage. While every one else was glad to rest from the thought or discussion of the war, young Churchill was untiring in his efforts to get from each individual all he knew of the war. He stood for Parliament but was defeated in spite of the campaigning work of his mother. He has seen enough of life in exciting history-making times to have something to say and those who do not flock to hear him from interest will do so from curiosity, so that a successful lecture tour is an



Occasionally one of the romances in real life becomes known to the public and serves to strengthen the force of the old proverb that truth is stranger than fiction. By one of these strange turns of fortune's wheel the wife of one of the world's greatest artists, Bouguereau, is a quiet little New

England woman. Madame Bouguereau might figure as the center of one of Miss Wilkins' vivid stories of New England rather than in the position that she holds in the inner circle of the art life of Paris. It was more than twenty years ago that the quiet little New England girl arrived in the great city. The famous artists had hardly opened their doors to women students, but the mild, persistent determination of Miss Gardiner won her a chance to study. She eventually became a pupil of Bouguereau and won first his admiration and then his love. He was then a widower but the French law makes the marriage contract incomplete without the signature of the parents. The mother of the great artist was selfish in her devotion to her talented son, and for twenty years refused to give her consent to his All in all the life of the one time New York belle second marriage. She had no personal dislike of any one, even of her son's children. During the long years of waiting Bouguereau saw his ambition for his American pupil realized. He hoped to see her become a great figure painter. He gave her constant criticism and suggestions until by many her work was thought to excel his own. Since her marriage Madame Bouguereau has painted but little. Her eyes have troubled her and her husband has insisted upon complete rest. She entertains delightfully in her studio and the privilege of being a guest there is highly prized. She is no longer young, she has never been beautiful, and all her years of Paris studio life have not eradicated a certain New England primness from her appearance and manner. But through her own talent and success she is recognized as one of the

The romance of the King and the Beggar Maid is repeated in semi-royal circles often enough_but it never ceases to provoke interest. It is not often that royalty itself can follow individual preference and permit that Cupid and Hymen shall reign jointly.

Servia is but a little kingdom but its young monarch Alexander has defied court, ministers and convention to wed the woman of his choice. The story reads like a page of some old romance, some remembrance of the time when the voice that breathed o'er Eden called to the first bridal. The King of Servia has married and married for love. Frau Draga Maschin comes of an honorable Servian family and is the widow of a military engineer. She is some years older than her husband. Queen Dragra is a stately, intellectual-looking woman and the romance of the wedding rather pleases the people of Servia who are willing to call one of their own race queen. The father of King Alexander is King Milan who abdicated in favor of his son. His wife, Queen Nathalie, has long been estranged from her husband and refused to be present at the marriage of her son and the widow of the military engineer. In spite of this fact there was a very splendid wedding in Belgrade and all the quaint ceremonies of Servia were used. The King has pleased himself and has evidently not displeased the mass of his subjects or the dominant power of Russia. In the glories of her Queenship and the love of her husband Queen Draga can forget the time when the hand of all in power seemed against her, and her royal lover had to station troops at her door to protect her from those who opposed the marriage.

Mrs. Cornwallis West, formerly Lady Randolph Churchill is one of the American women who have become distinct powers in the great life of London. It is nearly thirty years ago that Jennie Jerome made her debut at a Delmonico ball in New York. Here she met Lord Randolph Churchill and the mutual attraction was speedily followed by a brilliant wedding in Grace Church. International marriages were not as common then as now. Lady Churchill proved a most important factor in the political career that her husband began. She had beauty, tact, charm and ambition and these qualities made friends both for herself and her husband. The young man rapidly rose from one position of prominence to another and his wife became a leader in social and literary London. Her husband was made Secretary of State for India. Lady Churchill was as popular there as in London. Interested in all questions of public affairs, she accomplished so much through her position that the Queen bestowed upon her the Order of the Crown of India. This is a decoration much coveted and Lady Churchill is the only American woman to attain this rare distinction. Only about one hundred women wear the order and thirty of these wear it by right of royal birth. When the hospital ship Maine, fitted out by American money, sailed for South Africa, Lady Randolph Churchill, wearing the insignia of the Red Cross, was on board. She had two sons in active service and her interest as a mother was joined to her political devotion. Her first husband died in the midst of his sucessful career after a weary journey almost around the world in search of health. Her elder son had a dramatic escape from a Boer prison.



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The starting of a rail-way train in Cuba is an operation to be observed with wonwith won-der and awe. When the time of departure is at hand, the station master rings a gong in the station.

when the sound of this signal has ceased the railsound of this signal has ceased the railway postal clerk on board the train responds
by ringing a large dinner bell out of the window of the mail car in which he rides, to indicate that the dignity of the government which
he represents has been properly observed.
When the mail clerk has finished, the conductor walks up and down the platform ringing another large dinner bell, kept for the purpose in the station. When he has finished,
and put up his bell, it is expected that passengers intending to travel on that train have had
sufficient warning, and the train starts. Between stations the trains make a very fair rate
of speed, considering the rough condition of of speed, considering the rough condition of the roads. The officials of the railroads are all Cubans.

The officials of the railroads are all Cubans. They wear no special uniform except a cap, distinguished by having a celluloid visor which looks like tortoise shell—perhaps the real article; 1 am not sure about that.

There is little consolidation of railway lines in Cuba as yet. There are many very short lines, and as they are run independently of each other, a passenger is kept changing cars and buying new tickets at frequent intervals. The rate of fare seems high to one used to traveling in the United States. \$18 was paid for a ticket for a distance of less than 300 miles, and there is an extra and heavy charge for baggage. This

in the United States. \$18 was paid for a ticket for a distance of less than 300 miles, and there is an extra and heavy charge for baggage. This baggage charge is fixed by measure and not by weight. The baggage master applies a meter rule to the passenger's trunk, and charges for so many cubic meters and decimeters. The charge for carrying two large trunks from Cientus for the same distance.

The "volante," the distinctive horse vehicle of Cuba is frequently described. It has a phæton body and top hung on two strong but limber poles suspended between two wheels behind the body and the harness of one of two horses, far ahead. The horses are hitched tandem and the driver rides one of them. A volante is very which it hangs let it swing in any direction as which it hangs let it swing in any direction as the horses and their wheels bump over the tough streets. A novice getting into a volante

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So far as the political future of the island is concerned. concerned, the impres-sion receiv-ed by these visitors was that the more well-to-do and intelligent Cubans, and Cubans, and the foreign-ers who have invested interests there, desire annexation to the United States as the

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BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

OCIETY has now turned its attention to the automobile. That the automobile for pleasure as well as business has come to stay cannot be denied. The automobile parade at Newport last summer was a success, while similar affairs the past season

were numerous.

A motor wheel containing within itself all driving mechanism, and which is designed to be placed in the rear forks of any modern bicycle (after some necessary changes) has been patented by an Englishman. It is very aptly called the "Compact" motor wheel, and a recent trial of the device has demonstrated its entire practicability. The bicycle to which the motor wheel is attached differs but little in appearance from the ordinary safety machine. were numerous.

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The motor is controlled by one lever, and so far as the control of the bicycle is concerned it is simplicity itself. On the right side of the handle bar is an ordinary brake lever for actuating a powerful front rim brake. On the other side is a similar lever by means of which the motor may be started or stopped.

In order to accommodate the motor wheel the back fork ends are spread considerably and

back fork ends are spread considerably and grip the outer ends of the motor trunnions. The inner ends of the trunnions are bracketed

The inner ends of the trunnions are bracketed to the crank chamber of the engine, which keeps the motor fixed in a vertical position, while in the center of the trunnions the wheel sides revolve on ball bearings. It should be clearly understood that the engine never alters its position with regard to the frame.

The wheel sides are of aluminum and are each made in the form of dished flanges, the arms of which are sufficiently far apart to form a fan to cool the motor, and also to give easy access to it. The peripheries of the flanges meet and are grooved to suit the channel of the steel rim, into which the pneumatic tire fits,

thrown into and out of engagement with the tire by a small lever clamped to the head of the bicycle. The extra weight of the motor, fuel tanks, supports, etc. is about 35 pounds and the attachment complete is furnished for \$90. The tank will hold fuel sufficient for a 60-mile

The tank will hold fuel sufficient for a 60-mile run. In case of accident to the motor the friction wheel may be raised and the bicycle propelled by the rider.

Another application of the gasoline motor to the ordinary bicycle was shown in the same journal. This is a French device and in actual service it has given sustained speed of 25 miles an hour. The motor is hung and braced in the rear of the rear wheel in such a way as to bring the weight low and make balancing and turnthe weight low and make balancing and turning easy. The power is transmitted from the motor to the rear wheel by means of a 3-5-inchwide belt passing over a large aluminum pulley placed between the wheel and the rear fork. The weight of the bicycle and all attachments complete is but 70 pounds, and it is being worked to \$105. complete is but marketed for \$105.



MOTOR GOING TO HENLEY REGATTA.

The possibilities of automobilism are admir-The possibilities of automobilism are admirably shown by the accompanying illustration, reproduced from the Autocar. The two occupants of the "mobe", imbued possibly, with the desire to make their trip to the Henley Regatta (England) regardless of the tedium of railway and steamboat travel and of the tyrannous exactions of timetables—and at the same time to make sure of having a bout when they arrived at the scene of the famous aquatic contests—loaded their voiture (as shown in the meet and are grooved to suit the channel of the steel rim, into which the pneumatic tire fits, and grips the rim when bolted together. By undoing these bolts the wheel can at once be divided and the engine taken out.

The engine is of two horse-power and is fitted with rolled bearings at both ends. The pinions on the motor shaft meshes with an internal gear wheel, which fits into a recess in one of the wheel sides. The usual coaster brake feature is not omitted.

Half a gallon of gasoline is sufficient for a run of 50 miles, and the makers claim that a 200-pound rider can keep up a 20-mile-an-hour rate on level roads without difficulty, and that one-in-six grades may be negotiated without the rider's assistance in pedaling. The average fuel cost of operation is 20 cents for 100 miles.

Not only is the "Compact" wheel adapted for the bicycle, but fitted to a tricycle as a rear

MOTOR BICYCLE. DRIVING MECHANISM IN REAR WHEEL.

driver, with the two front wheels as steerers, it has given excellent results. It is also apparent that it has a wide field of usefulness in its application to tandem bicycles for pleasuring. The size of space available for the motor and accessories is so comparatively limited, however, as to preclude the possibility of its being used in track work, where motors of much higher power are demanded. It has not been introduced yet over here, and as I have repeatedly stated, it will be useless to write me for further information on this subject, or for the manufacturer's name or address.

The Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal recently showed a type of front-driving gasoline motor quite different from anything on the bicycle through the friction of an aluminum bronze wheel which is carried upon and slidably keyed to a light steel countershaft, running in bearings in links, which are free to revolve partially about the motor shaft, but concentric with it, thus raising the friction wheel from the tire or depressing it against the tire with any desired pressure. A one-eighth inch bicycle chain running over sprockets upon these shafts transmits the power to the countershaft.

The friction wheel is so mounted upon its shaft as to allow for any unevenness in the surface of the tire without binding. The wheel is

rocking by means of side rails which act as guides. The system was tried experimentally at Brussels and gave satisfactory results, but things which can be done safely abroad are apparently impossible in England. As far as can be gathered from the arguments of counsel before the Committee, the scheme has been rejected on the double ground that it would be impossible to attain the speed promised by Mr. Behr, and that if such a speed were attained the new railway would draw away all the traffic from the old lines. These mutually destructive arguments strikingly recall the attitude of the wiseacres who, at the beginning of the century, did all they could to prevent the introduction

arguments strikingly recall the attitude of the wiseacres who, at the beginning of the century, did all they could to prevent the introduction of the steam locomotive.

Much has been written and published pro and con about the effect to the bicycle on health, both in English and in other languages, but those who object to its use, as it seems to the writer, argue either from want of experience or from exceptional cases.

If, for example, the records of any large accident insurance company are examined at the present day a certain percentage of accidents is found to be charged to the bicycle. But this ratio should be considered in connection with the number of persons who ride and the number of miles ridden. Out-door air, when compared with indoor air, is more conducive to health, and the man whose occupation or recreation leads him to spend a part of his time in the open air is in general better fitted to resist the inroads of disease than one who leads an indoor, sedentary life.

It has been especially useful to women in leading them to open-air exercise and the abandonment of the worst foe of the female sex—the corset.

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There are certain contra-indications to the use of the wheel which should be noted. Persons who suffer from serious organic heart disease ought not to ride except upon level ground and for short distances. The exertion of riding upon level ground is much less than that of walking. But that of hill-climbing is greater than that of walking up-hill, the difference depending upon the steepness of the hill.

Persons with advanced consumption of the lungs ought not to ride, but incipient consumptives or those who suffer from chronic bronchitis will undoubtedly be benefited by the use of the wheel, since it furnishes to them a mode of treatment which is specially useful, viz: open-air exercise, a matter of equal importance with good food and nursing. I am confident that the bicycle has proved to be one of the means by which the steady reduction in this disease in recent years has been promoted.

Where "the pyramids themselves, doting with age, have forgotten the names of their founders," this latest and most ingenious of man's handiwork greets the earliest and least presched product of his skill.

man's handiwork greets the earliest and least useful product of his skill.

N. B. Please remember that I cannot give

addresses or names of inventors or manufact-urers; nor can I answer private letters.



NE of our recent inventors claims to be able to construct a train that will run at a rate of one hundred miles or more an hour. This he proposes to accomplish not by building a more powerful locomotive, tructing one in such a way as to les-

but by constructing one in such a way as to lessen the wind resistance. Our present locomotives are constructed with little regard to this point, and in attaining high rates of speed the resistance the air offers has been found to be an important factor. The idea is to construct the new locomotive with as little surface opposed to the air in front as possible, with sharp bows like a boat, so that the engine cuts its way through the air as a boat does through the water.

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Great one, that happened right to me,
For I was part of it, you see.

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HERE are people in the world who consider a dressing-gown a luxury, but I cannot say that I agree with them. To my mind every woman must find a dressing-gown a necessity, and I am sure the possession and wearing of a warm one in the winter often guards against catching cold. I think that young people should be taught the need of a dressing-gown, and then when they are old they will naturally go on using it.

the need of a dressing-gown, and then when they are old they will naturally go on using it.

For a warm and useful dressing-gown flannel is, of course, the best material, and a pretty shade of terracotta or blue would please most girls. The gown I have in mind has a slight train. On either side of the front is a cascaded frill of silk, or lace might be used instead if preferred. The large, square collar is finished in the same way, and there is a deep frill at the wrists. The sleeves are comfortably large to admit of slipping on quickly. The back is finished in a watteau pleat, and the waist ribbons come from beneath it and are tied in two bows at the front. I always advise the lining of the bodice portion of a dressing-gown, for it makes it far warmer. A thin flannellette is useful for this purpose. Indeed, if you do not wish to go to the expense of having a flannel dressing-gown you might carry out this pattern in a pretty flannellete.

I much deplore the fondness of some mothers for dressing their girls up in all kinds of fussy and unsuitable frocks, and if they could only once understand how much better and more comfortable it is for the children to be simply clad I feel sure they would not continue their extravagant policy. The coat and skirt long ago invaded the realms of childhood. Of course, really tiny children cannot wear them, but for a girl of from ten to twelve, a suit of this kind is both becoming and useful, and the plainer it is the more useful it is. A rather bright blue cloth was chosen for a pretty suit. The skirt is quite plain save for a little kilting round the bottom of it. The coat is in sacque form and fastens with two large buttons. The most striking point it is form and fastens with two large buttons. most strik-

most strik-ing point about it is the large col-lar of white cloth, finish-ed with a n a r r o w pleating; the turn back cuffs of the bishop sleev-es are of the same mate-rial and the combination of white with blue has a very pleasing effect. A cos-tume of this kind would kind would be more use-ful for school wear during the autumn and winter months, and, for home wear theskirt with a pretty blouse will answer every purpose.

As soon as the winter season com-mences just

mences just so soon does the necessity for a long opera coat or cloak become evident. Some prefer the former, especially nowaday o small that they can
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coat. The one
I have in I have in mind is of

coat. The one
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mind is of
thin silk
poplin; it
has a square yoke back and front and the
skirt is gathered into it. The garment is full,
so as to in no way crush the dress beneath
it. It is trimmed with a broad band of
passementerie down the front, the same appearing on the outside of the sleeves. Round
the neck is a soft, full ruching of velvet, out of
which stands a high lace ruffle, the ends cascading down the front in a very pleasing way.
There are a variety of cheap silks to be had nowadays which would fashion this garment exceedingly well. It is wise to interline the yoke,
while the whole garment will require either a
thin woolen or silk lining. Frou-frou and
frilliness characterize our evening gowns this
winter. Many stitches, it is true, for in hemming these narrow frills there are yards and
fards of hand work to be done, but the result
is incomparable, and of this you may congratulate yourself, that if you are at the pains
to spend the necessary number of hours
in turning up and hemming hand-run frills,
no one of your acquaintances can charge you
with the social crime of employing an inferior
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the belt in a cluster of small tucks. The
front is draped softly and raised to the bust
where it is delay to a natty bow of
black velvet. A broad round collar of daintily
embroidered tan batise finishes the close
fitting sleeves at the elbow.

A dainty reception gown is pictured here,
the skirt consisting of white silk striped widethe skirt consisti dressmaker. It is only in the first-rate atelier that such hours of hand labor can be charged

for, though there is no reasonable obligation, except so far as your own inclination is concerned, that you should not do the work your-

cerned, that you self and get the benefit of being unusually well turned out. An evening skirt of silk or satin which has lost its early freshness will make up in this way up in this way without the without the visit to the cleaner, which is always desirable, if you have time to spare it, always provided, of course, that it is not in a really dirty state. A colored skirt dirty state.



dirty state. A colored skirt may be covered with a diaphanous tissue of the same color in chiffon, mousseline de soie or crepe de chine; while a black satin skirt, which has become really quite shabby, may be covered with an almost transparent grenadine—which will restore it at once into an almost new gown. Your old skirt may be recut by the new skirt pattern, making some alterations if necessary, but the new overskirt can be shaped exactly on the fresh lines. On to the foundation the frills,



A NOVEL BODICE.

which are first gathered, must be run, and I would have you observe that all the frills are not carried all the way round the skirt, some of them reach only across the back of the train,

giving the apron style to it. Over the frills falls the overskirt, edged with a lace trim-ming, which appears again in diamond form upon the front of

the front of the skirt.

A hovel bodice is shown in one of the sketches, which is a pretty fash-ion for mak-ing a separate ing a separate waist or one waist or one to match a skirt; over the tight fit-ted lining is a draped cor-selet of silk, buttoned at the left side the left side in a slanting fashion, the snug sleeves and guimpe all of silk, the latter set in clusters of small tucks. ted bertha extends across the shoulders of crepe de chine, set across with straight bands of narrow velvet ribbon, each ending in a small loop. A dainty semi-dress

not worth buying; so make up your mind to

get the best material you can, and then take care of it. A hat should always be brushed

care of it. A hat should always be brushed after wearing.

In these days, when shoes can be bought at such low prices, it is almost absurd to preach the necessity of keeping the feet well shod. Yet there are women who make the mistake of buying very cheap shoes. Cheap shoes are a mistake. The leather has in most cases been imperfectly tanned, and this causes the wearer's feet to swell uncomfortably and to become tender. Then these shoes never look well, even when they are new, and they become misshapen in a week's time. The consequence is that those who buy the cheap shoes buy them twice or three times as often as those who buy shoes at a moderate and fair price. It is economy to buy better shoes. omy to buy better shoes.

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LAND AND OTHER CRABS.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ERNEST JARROLD, AUTHOR OF "MICKY FINN IDYLLS."



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soldiers at Santiago, were the land crabs which swarm over that portion of Cuba. From the yarns spun by the returning soldiers it may be safely inferred that those harmless creatures inspired more terror than the Spaniards. The hills surrounding Santiago were literally covered with crabs, varying from two to ten inches across the back. They are of almost every kind of vivid color and are extremely picturesque in appearance. The soldiers say that the land crabs infest swampy land, and are chiefly found in the vicinity of the cactus plant which grows extensively in Cuba. When disturbed in their hiding places they would hustle away, causing a peculiar rustling by contact with the cactus leaves which sounded to the alert ears of the soldiers like the sly approach of an enemy. So insidious and suggestive were these sounds that many of the soldiers, even when they were perfectly aware of the cause, could not overcome a feeling of alarm.

These land crabs differ from the marine crabs in two essential respects—in their locomotion and respiration. No more striking phenomena can be found in Nature than the adaptability of the crab to a life ashore. Naturalists generally unite in the belief that the crab was originally exclusively an inhabitant of the water, but through a mysterious decree of Nature the land crab forsook his native element and became a dweller on land, being frequently found as far as ten miles from the sea. That the land crab still preserves a love for his original element is proven by the fact that he makes a pilgrimage once a year to the sea for breeding purposes. Just as the crow through an infallible instinct flies to a mass meeting of crows once a year, so the crabs on a given day all move toward the ocean. Millions of these crustaceans moving through the grass at one time make a noise which can be heard for a long distance and which has a sibillant, nerve-torturing sound, that causes cold chills to run up the listener's back.

The first essential difference between the land and water crab can be se

adaptations which has ever been known to man.

In Santiago the land crab is not regarded as fit to eat, although in the island of Jamaica the violet land crab, another species, is regarded as a great table delicacy. The violet crabs live in communities and form burrows in the ground often two or three miles from the sea. They are provided with powerful pincers, which they are not backward in using. When attacked they fall upon the enemy with one big claw which is then detached from the body. The creature then starts to make his escape while pain is being inflicted by the now independent claw. They remain in their burrows by day and come forth at night in search of food, running about with great speed and retiring to their holes in the presence of danger.

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tiring to their holes in the presence of danger. These violet crabs also deposit their spawn in the sea, traveling by night and surmounting whatever difficulties may be in their way. At this season they are taken in great numbers and their flesh is regarded as one of the chief delicacies of the island. Several years ago Robert Roosevelt wrote a learned treatise on "Why does a crab walk sidewise?" He answered his own question by stating that the crab could not possibly walk in any other way. The soldiers who saw the land crabs near Santiago, however, say the essayist is mistaken in his conclusion, for the land crab can dart along in any direction, straight ahead, sideways, or he can even run backward if danger comes from the front.

A little investigation shows the whole crab family to be a very interesting one. The rob-ber crab, an inhabitant of the Indian Ocean, ber crab, an inhabitant of the Indian Ocean, has a habit of passing a portion of its time on shore. It burrows under cocoanut trees and lives on the fruit which drops to the ground. Some authorities say that the robber climbs the cocoanut palms and plucks the fruit from the branches, as is the habit of the monkey; but this statement is contradicted by Darwin and other naturalists, although there is sufficient information to prove beyond a doubt that and other naturalists, although there is sufficient information to prove beyond a doubt that there is a species of crab which do climb trees to procure food. In order to get at the edible portion of the cocoanut, the robber crab strips off the outer bark of the shell so as to lay bare the eye spots. Into one of these the crab inserts the sharp edge of a claw, and by working this backward and forward the crab gradually scoops out the contents of the nut. The crab also secures the meat of the cocoanut by beating it against a stone until it is broken into pieces. The fibres of the nut they employ in lining their burrows. The robber attains a length of two feet. A lump of fat under its tail often yields a quart of limpid oil.

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The crab has always been regarded as one of the most toothsome of the family of crustaceans, It was a favorite delicacy on the table of the Romans, where it was known by the name of crabus. This variety is now recognized in Scotland by the name of parlan. This is one of

the largest of the edible cras, and is everywhere esteemed in Europe for its delicacy of flavor. It is caught on the rocky portions of the coast of Europe, and it measures twelve inches across the back. The principal station for crabs is off the coast of Scotland and in the Firth of Forth. Large numbers are also imported from Norway. They are caught in crab-pots of wicker-work baited with dead fish, in much the same manner as lobsters are caught in Long Island Sound. In the sheltered bays they are caught in calm weather by poking from behind with a long pole. The crab seizes the pole, which is gently shaken. This makes the stubborn crab adhere all the more firmly, when it is lifted into the boat. It is very sby, eluding observation beneath stones and feigning death when unable to cope with danger. with danger.

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The largest of known crabs is called by the scientific name of inachus kempferi, or Japanese crab. This species measures ten feet long. The body is small and triangular in shape. It is said to be eaten by Japanese.

The calling crab of Ceylon has one claw exceedingly small, while its fellow is larger than all the rest of the crab's body. The big claw is carried aloft as if the crab were brandishing a weapon. The racer crab of Ceylon is busy most of the time digging deep burrows in the sandy soil of the island, making travel on horse back exceedingly dangerous. Large sums of money are expended every year keeping laborers at work filling up these holes. But of all the crabs, none is perhaps more interesting than the hermit crab. He is the smallest of his kind and is an arrant thief. This species is occasionally found in the bays and inlets of the Atlantic coast. The hermit kills a molusk of a particular kind suited to his uses, and gets into the shell. He fastens himself so firmly into his home that it is almost impossible to dislodge him. He guards the door of his house with a single claw, which is always thrust outside in a threatening manner. The mouth of the shell is usually draped by the beautiful sea anemone. To hold a hermit crab and his shell house up to the light, which is reflected in varied hues from the sea anemone, is one of the prettiest pictures which the sea affords. And when the hermit grows too large for his home and is found to hunt for another and larger habitation of the same kind, he always takes his anemone with him to decorate his new abiding place. The hermit is one of the most savage fighters of his family, and when seriously wounded and about to die he always leaves his shell.

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Probably very few of the thousands who eat crabs every summer ever give a thought to the crabs every summer ever give a thought to the mysterious process the common crab (lupa dicantha) goes through before it matures into the ordinary "hard-shell" of gastatory reputation. During the first year of its existence the crab puts off its shell several times. When matured an annual suit only is required. When fully grown the crab's suit is permanent. When the female crab shows signs of shedding, the male crab comes along and gets on the female's back to protect her from enemies. She is now getting ready to shed and is called a "shedder."

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when the back begins to burst near the tail she is called a "buster." The male crab then digs a hole in the sand for her and finds a hiding place under a bunch of seaweed. She retires and comes out in a short time minus her shell, but perfect in every part. She floats away on the tide covered only with a fine thin skin. She is now called a "soft shell." The "firstide" crabs bring the high prices. At the second tide she is watery and transparent and is called a "buckler." By the time the third tide comes her shell has begun to harden, and she is known as a "hard shell."

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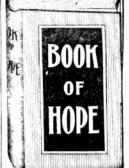
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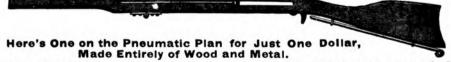
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FAMOUS COMPOSITE BELLS.

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LL bells are com-posite in the sense that bell metal is a compound, but there

bell imaking was carried to a high degree of excellence in Burmah, the magnitude and pleas in g tone of many of their belis being a source of pride to the Burmese. The largest specimen, as well as the one most highly regarded, is the composite bell in the vicinity of Amarapura, district of Rangoon. This is treasured in a magnificent pavilion, which in a series of stories of rich and curious architecture rises by the side of the "Golden Pagoda," the most celebrated edifice in Burmah. These pagodas are not temples, but rather memorials of the Buddhas, who, according to traditions, have watched over the progress of the people for untold ages. The bell pavilion is gorgeous in ornamentation and covered with gold of the exact weight of the king in whose reign the shrine was built. It is a conspicuous landmark, its dazzling cressing the first object seen from the ships making their way up the Irawaddy.

This mammoth bell weighs ninety tons, measures sixteen feet across the lip, with ample space inside for a dozentall men to stand with ease. From top to bottom upon the exterior an inscription runs in Burmese characters eulogizing the king who gave the sacred bell to the people. It is not rung in the ordinary manner, but a bronze mallet, suspended outside, falls with rhythmic precision on the heart of the bell, when the full, rich tones vibrate in the air for miles around.

Rare as is its melody it is as unique in its associations. Of its age the people say, "the holy bell was made thousands of years ago," and the tradition of its casting is as follows: For years the priests and the government had been making preparations for the event, and the day appointed for the rite was to be one of religious festival and prayer. At the summons the people gathered from all the country around, nobles and peasants, rich and poor of all ages. The presence of the children was particularly desired upon this important occasion, as to many of them the day might come when they could tell to their children's children the story of the ceremo

As the time drew near to open the pipe which would convey the molten mass to the clay mould, the master stirred the liquid fire and cast in a little zinc and other materials, the object of which is one of the secrets of the craft, but are popularly believed to give a more musical tone to a bell. More fuel was applied and as the fire roared still more furiously and the air was filled with the intense heat, a frenzy seized the spectators. A military officer, whose life had not been free from crime, dashed forward—

"And cast his sword in the molten flood Stained with the crimson of heroes' blood."

His example was contagious; nobles and merchants who were present in their most gorgeous attire yielded to the enthusiasm of the moment, hurling their precious jewels and wealth of gold into the seething mass; their wives and daughters joined in this act of grateful superstition, casting bracelets, gems and rings. Not one was too poor in this hour of fervid devotion to add his mite; so, paltry coins, cheap betrothal and marriage rings, with the cheap betrothal and marriage rings, with the tawdry ornaments of poverty poured into the bubbling metal. The little ones interested in the stir, though not understanding its meaning, imitated the action of their parents in tossing their trinkets and toys, metal dolls and idels a sid in forming "the boly bell of to aid in forming "the holy bell of Burmah.'

Burmah."

The circumstances attending its casting make it impossible to place any money value upon this offering of the people; but to the zealous followers of Buddha it has a peculiar sanctity, as they believe it to be under his especial care. The thousands of pilgrims who make an annual journey to the "Shoay Dagon," or Golden Pagoda, always prostrate themselves before it for a season of prayer and meditation before worthy to penetrate into the depths of the pagoda, which owes its especial

meditation before worthy to penetrate into the depths of the pagoda, which owes its especial sacredness to the belief that it contains relices of the last four Buddhas, carefully concealed from human eye within the innermost shrine. It was the story of this bell and others of similar composition that proved the inspiration for the "Columbian Liberty Bell," which excited great interest at the time of its casting in 1893. It weighs 13,000 pounds, and in addition to the proportionate amount of the tin and copper there were one hundred pounds each of gold and silver, with an unknown weight of miscellaneous metals, all of which were priceless relics of American and foreign struggles for liberty.

for liberty.

These came from all parts of the world, rep-These came from all parts of the world, representing all periods, from a coin in circulation in the time of Christ, as it bore "the image and superscription of Cæsar", to the gift of our President's little daughter. Each state sent its contribution, usually of historic significance; gold, silver, copper, tin, lead and iron, came from the mines throughout the country, and the school children forwarded 250,000 pennies. It was in accord with the sentiment of the

beautiful poem written by Mrs. Wagner of California, that more than twenty thousand gifts were received from battlefields, as in this legend of a far-off land:

"Knights came in armor and flung in the shields That had warded off blows on the Saracen's fields, Freemen brought chains from prisons afar— Bonds that had fettered the captives of war."

posite in the sense that bell metal is a compound, but there are some especially worthy of note as containing other than the ordinary ingredients, such as the gifts of precious metals or jewels in accordance with a vow, of patriotic or religious enthusiasm. Long ago the art of bell making was carried to a high degree of excellence in Burmah, the magnitude and pleasing. The coins that had fettered the captives of war."

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"Pledges of love, a bracelet, a ring.

A gem that had fettered the captives of war."

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"Pledges of love, a bracelet, a ring.
A gem that had gleamed in the crown of a king,
The coins that had ransomed a maiden from death,
The words, hot with eloquence, caught from the
breath

breath
Of a sage, and a prayer from the lips of a slave
Were heard and recorded, and cast in the wave
To be melted and molded together and tell
The tale of their wrongs in the tones of the bell."

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The casting was a grand success; upon its shining base one could read the motto of the "Old Liberty Bell":—"Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all people," that prophetic message that came to our land twenty-three years before American independence was achieved. On the top are the Scriptural words from the "Centennial Bell,"—"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Upon its sounding heart appears,—"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

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werp Peace Congress, then in session, where it was used instead of a gavel. The third became the property of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the fourth was given to the Belgian Parliament to commemorate universal suffrage. The whole scheme was full of significance, while our own bell was only to be bell was only to be rung on memorable anniversaries, or to celebrate important events in our history.

our history.

It is a cause for deep regret that owing to monetary complications not fully explained, the patriotic composite bell has failed in its mission. Held in bondage for indebtedness, there seems little hope for its release unless Congress comes to its rescue or the people unite to free the bell whose components are so identified with our national progress, which can neither be duplicated nor restored. Only when free can it rightfully bear its name, and enable free can it rightfully bear its name, and enable

is to say:

"I hear it, I hear it, that Liberty Bell
It comes to my ear like the resonant swell
Of the anthem of ocean and bears the refrain
Of the freedom the nations are striving to gain.
Bing on, then, ring on, O Liberty Bell.
The ages are waiting thy story to tell
Along with the story of manger and plain,
Each waiting the other to join the refrain;
Then ring out the joy of the glory to be,
When broken each fetter, each captive set free."

A CORRECTION.

After going to press with the October issue of Comfort we learned that the Hon. Roger Wolcott—a brief outline of whose career appeared in that number—had not accepted the ambassadorship to Italy. We understand that the honor has been tendered the Hon. George von L. Meyer, also of Boston, Mass., who has the subject under advisement. the subject under advisement.

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The frost may be "on the pumpkin" but there is none in the toothsome pumpkin pie. The dainty must be eaten where it grows in the great pie belt, but no dainty cream, pastry or dessert can make a native New Englander forget "pumpkin pie."

Did it ever occur to you that you should be thankful not to be an Emperor or King or Prince? If what the gentlemen who work at that trade for a business say is true you should be very thankful you are not a ruling monarch. The Duchess of Argyle asked all the High Mightynesses what person they most envied. The substance of their replies was "Any one who isn't a king." Now will the plain American citizen be good?

The "voice of the people" as heard this November, will determine the immediate course and attitude of political affairs in Cuba, England and the United States. How far the Latin people of Cuba may be able to imitate the Constitutional Government of the Anglo Saxon nations remains to be seen. No Latin nation as yet has attained any lasting success through the ideals of government that have made England and America great and free.

The presidential campaign just closing has been a remarkable illustration of the change in political methods of the last quarter-century of presidential elections. Principles, not personalities have been the order of the day. It is not long ago that personal abuse and party mud-slinging was considered the proper means of winning votes. Our political affairs have certainly been handled in a more dignified manner than in any preceding campaign.

The West is responsible for two clubs which possess a common field of interest. There is the matrimonial club whose members pay dues and fines and garner the wealth of single members into a treasury. Then when a member really commits matrimony he gathers in the club surplus to pay for license, marriage fees and summer denies them. incidental expenses. A neighboring city has a divorce club, eligibility to which consists either in being divorced or "expecting to be." Its dues pay council fees and expenses incidental to slipping off the matrimonial nooses. The the towns and villages of New England foltwo clubs should consolidate and call them- lowed the lead of Governor Rollins of New elves the "In and Out Club" or the "Before and After Amalgamated Discontents."

It is not often that the English elections occur at the same time as the American. The English Parliament is elected for seven years. At any time during that period it may be dissolved if the House of Commons fails to pass any bill land names and show how far the pioneer spirit proposed by the party in power. The two leading English parties are the Conservatives, the is estimated that one fourth of the English party that has been in power, and the Liberals. The re-election of a Parliament favorable to the England descent. It would sound like the Conservative party will indicate that the nation supports Lord Salisbury in his foreign policy. tude to turn their faces homeward. From the The Boer war was a severe test of the party and during the dark days of English defeat it | England home holiday that brought her wanseemed many times that the government might not be sustained in the House. This has been called a Khaki campaign, as many of the oopular generals have been hurried home to electioneer for the Conservative party.

Now that it is cold enough to think coolly the good church-going people of our land may makes up a N 'v England Thanksgiving, these have an opportunity to decide as to the proper manner of conducting church services during any incident of the summer months. Summer the torrid season. The past summer outdid was the New England work time but Novem-

but impossible for humanity to enjoy anything -even religion. City churches as a rule are empty during the summer months, both pastor and congregation being absent. There is an occasional exception to this rule. Where there is such an exception the pastor and his elders tax their ingenuity to discover a method of keeping the flock within the sanctuary. One advanced minister solved the problem by chartering a steamboat and taking church congregation, choir and all for a Sunday on the water. Short services were held on board and a lunch was provided by the ladies of the congregation. Some of the strictly orthodox members were shocked at this nineteenth century method of meeting the difficulty of empty benches on hot Sundays. It was certainly a startling innovation but this is an age of change and progress. Many of the most earnest Christians believe that the future success and influence of the church rests in her acceptance and use of modern ideas and methods. To these people the Sunday church excursion is practical and praiseworthy.

The snail probably gave the first illustration of a portable house as he traveled slowly along, careless of wind and weather with his "portable house" on his back. The commander-inchief of the allied forces in China evidently does not expect to make his headquarters in the Imperial palace, for like the snail be carried his habitation with him. The modern portable house has a "for this week only" air that strongly suggests the rush and hurry of Yankee Land. It seems as if the word "patented" might be expected to stare from every partition. The idea has been utilized in cities where the school accommodations have not kept pace with the demand. St. Louis and some western cities have used the portable school house, and New York is to give it a trial. The old log schoolhouse and the "little red schoolhouse" do not seem such poor abodes for the goddess of wisdom when they are compared with those frail structures. If the "portable" building is used instead of a tent, its dwellers are probably the gainers in comfort, but to use it as a place where forty or fifty children spend a large part of their day seems a poor plan. No money is more freely furnished by our people than the sums necessary to educate children, and insufficient accommodations are the result of carelessness on the part of those who are at the head of affairs.

We are a flower loving people. Facts and figures prove this statement. When the out-ofdoor flowers have vanished before the breath of winter, the real floral reign begins in the cities. Florists' windows, street stands and street sellers make the city dweller forget the chill in the air and fancy that it is June. Flowers are a sign of luxury as well as an æsthetic necessity. In spite of the favor which the violet enjoys as a corsage bouquet it is only third in favor by the figures of expenditure. Last year the people of the United States spent \$9,000,000 for roses, \$4,000,000 for carnations, and \$750,000 for violets. The violet, according to poetical ideas is a modest, country flower, but the violet of commerce and of cities speaks strongly of wealth, each tiny flower being worth four cents. November is the week of the fashionable horse show in New York and violets there are literally worth their weight in gold. The American Beauty rose so often used in house decorations, is worth a dollar a blossom. At such prices the total expenditure of millions does not seem strange. It is wise that Nature has planned her season when she lavishes her blooms by highway and hedge with never a demand for money, and wiser still that those whose highways are the hard stone pavements may buy the blossoms that

Thanksgiving itself has almost been shaken from its place as a New England holiday by the great success of the Old Home week idea. Half Hampshire and welcomed home their children with bonfires blazing from the old mountains and speeches and rejoicings. The idea is poetical and people who had looked at western skies for years suddenly found that they were homesick for Yankee land. Salem and Portland in the far west repeat New Enghas carried the children of New England. It speaking people of the United States are of New tramping of a mighty army were this multiearliest days Thanksgiving has been the New dering children back. To many people an "Old Home" in November would revive more memories than one during the summer. The dull gray skies that hang low over the barren fields, the feel of the snow in the air or the exhilarating tingle of a clear bright day, the gathering at the "meeting house" and all that speak more forcibly of the "old home" than itself and all previous records and made it all ber was the season of rest. Then the toiling

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MEDICINAL EFFECTS OF MUSIC.

Every one is aware of the influence that the mind has over all diseases and the soothing effect of music often has been of marked efficacy in mental diseases. Even so far back as the days of Galen, who was one of the fathers of medicine, the value of music for this purpose was quite well recognized and many of the earlier text books suggest its use.

One curious old book tells of the employment of music to cure sciatica, rheumatism and kindred ailments, which it explains as caused by vibrations of the nerves in unison with the notes of the music being played, and that these vibrations remove the obstructions that cause the disease.

Late in the eighteenth century a Dr. Mitchell wrote a very careful treatise on this subject and collected a vast fund of information of great value, both from a scientific and a historical view. The book contains many curious power satisfactory in more than the proven satisfactory in more than the proven satisfactory in the can there are not proven satisfactory in the can th

samples of what music will do toward the cure of disease, and, indeed, gives a very full history of their connection in the medical books. But of their connection in the medical books. But that is very modern, for even the tablets and papyrus of Egypt show that in the ancient civilization even more attention was paid to music as a medicine than would be possible now. Even Æsculapius records that he cured a deaf servant by playing in his ear with a trumpet.

In the classics the same idea often appears and one scholar notes that in more than fifty places in the Iliad and Odyssey alone Homer has referred to music in this connection. In one place he has music employed to stay the raging plague. So on down to modern times case after case is noted both in fiction and science where music is used as medicine.

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THE PADRONE SYSTEM.

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recent years much has been written in regard to the Padrone System of labor as car-System of labor as carried on in this country, and generally pictured as a colossal evil. There is no doubt but there are serious evils connected with this system but at the same time. but at the same time the matter is not usually quite as bad as cer-tain writers would have one believe, in no wise to be compared with to be compared with the frightful horrors connected with the so-called "sweating sys-tem." Be it not under-stood that the writer deems the Italian laborer sufficiently paid for his toil, his hours of work none too long, or

his toil, his hours of work none too long, or his food and shelter all that is to be desired.

One can scarcely see them at their work, at their evening meal and asleep in their bunks at night, and hold such a view.

But with all his short-comings, the Italian laborer generally lives a happy-go-lucky sort of life, fairly healthy, and manages to lay by a snug sum each month that goes a long way in Sunny Italy toward the support of wife and children. It would seem that living as he does in frugal manner, he is financially as well off at the end of the month as many an American workman who receives twelve and fifteen dollars a week. No doubt there are instances where there are rank abuses of this system of labor, where the laborer is defrauded of that which is rightfully his, but this would seem to be the exception at the present day.

Not long since the writer spent a day among the Italians laboring upon a great undertaking, and during the hours thus passed learned not a little of life as it is among the Italians under the Padrone System.

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The one fact to be learned during their hours of toil was that they worked, for under the keen eyes of the bosses there is no opportunity to be idle. At night, however, when the men returned to their shanties, all was different; then it was that they were ready to talk.

A few moments after six the first of the Italians came trudging over the hills toward the encampment where I was awaiting their coming, some of them so weary with the day's toil that it seemed a great effort for them to drag one foot after the other. The store where the men bought their supplies stood at one end of the encampment and thither they at once repaired, purchasing a small quantity of macaroni, a loaf of bread and perhaps a bit of cheese, or it may be

a few pota-

or it may be a few pota-toes and a small piece of bolognasausage.

Surrounding the store on all sides save one, stood scores of wooden shanties and snanties and sod houses, the latter built by the Italians and used for cooking; the former the property of the contractor and rented to the men.

Immed iately upon leaving the store were steps taken toward the preparing of the evening meal—the

HOUSED FOR THE NIGHT.

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"Ye-ar," was the response, and half a dozen men showed their ivories.

"Man no good cook," explained one of the men, (and I noticed that his voice broke a trifle) "woman, she way off; Italy, so far, she good cook. I see her sometime."

The men were of all ages, young, middleaged and old men, all more or less stooped with toil, all moving ponderously about in their cowhide shoes. I had imagined that quarrels and murderous assaults were frequent, but found that the men were peculiarly at peace with one another; noisy at times but goodnatured. One of the policemen informed me that his beat while in the city was far more difficult and unpleasant.

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The men are usually paid \$1.35 per day, and of this very many of them manage to save the dollar intact, the American Express Company in an adjacent city forwarding to Italy during six months no less than seventy-five thousand

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There is the dark side of the Padrone System, however, that must be considered before the matter is dismissed. There is a system of robbery going on constantly that tends to whittle down the Italian's savings and immensely increase the contractor's income. To three pullustrate, at the encampment which I visited, there was one sleeping cabin that sheltered eight

ty men summer and winter. The building cost less than one hundred dollars, but the Italians are charged one dollar apiece each month for the privilege of sleeping therein. The contractor ought to furnish better shelter gratis. The profit to the contractor on this building alone is nearly one thousand a year, to say nothing of more than nine hundred other men who are similarly domiciled, and the sum total for the contractor is enormous—interest that would cause the eyes of the most greedy moneyshark to open with amazement.

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Then, too, much that is purchased at the contractor's store above mentioned, is at an ad-vance over the city prices. Some of the Italians learn of this and attempt to buy their supplies elsewhere, but after several have been dis-charged they learn to their sorrow that they must pay the contractor's prices or work else-where.

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No doubt the time was when the Padrone System was far more abused than at present, when the Italian was literally robbed of ninetenths of his earnings, but recent legislation has done much to regulate this, and where such is the case, as said before, it is the exception, not the rule. There is much to be desired in the way of bettering the Italian laborer's condition, but be that as it may, it is an undisputed fact that he lives better and has much higher wages in America under the Padrone System than in his native land.

Our National Game Preserve.

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OPULAR interest in the Yellowstone Park has grown very markedly during the last half-dozen years, and Congress is showing a disposition to develop the possibili-ties of this national playground, which is the largest game pre-serve in the world, beserve in the world, being about half the size of the State of Connecticut. The new Sunday Civil Bill appropriates \$20,000 more than usual for its maintenance the coming year and another measure now under con-

sell some of them to menageries and zoologi-cal gardens. Of elk Of elk there are anywhere from 35,000 to 60,000, no accurate census being obtaina b le and herds of 1,000 or more are frequent-ly seen. They seem to be increasing steadily in numbers, though at least 5,000 of them were killed by the extreme cold of winter before last. The last report of the superin-tendent, from which these figures are obtained,

day, for it is
then that the laborer's time is his own and he is
permitted to enjoy his frugal repast. Within
the sod-houses, and in not a few instances before them, I noted, were rude fire places built of
stone, and presently these contained roaring
fires of wood gathered from the adjacent woodland.

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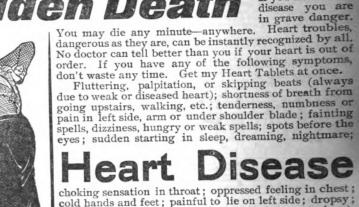
them back.

The moose, of which there are a good many, are expected to increase, the law against killing them having been made very severe. Of mountain sheep there are a few—mostly on Mt. Everts, near the post. Beaver, too, are plentiful. Mountain lions kill many of the animals, and coyotes attack the antelope, deer and elk; but the big cats are shot whenever practicable, and poison is being tried on the wolves, with a view to reducing their numbers so far that they will not be able to hunt in packs. will not be able to hunt in packs.

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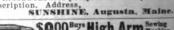
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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: "No comfortable feel in any member, No flowers, no fruits, no leaves, no birds, No-vem-ber."

So sings Tom Hood, and Bryant chant the same dismal lay in this poem-"The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the

year, Of wailing winds and naked woods and meadows brown and sear."

while Robbie Burns tells of the time When chill November's surly blast Made fields and forest bare."

But the children sing

"Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!"
and I think we shall do well to follow the example

of the children and look for the bright spots in this dreary month instead of mourning with the poets over its losses.

Our first letter takes us far out in the Pacific

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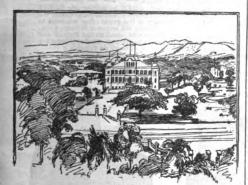
"The United States may well be proud to class Honolulu among her cities for it is one of the most beautiful places of its size in the world. Before reaching the island of Oahu on which the city is situated the steamer passes many others of the Sandwich group. The scenery is most picturesque and to the tired traveler who has been a whole week on the ocean it is a sight not soon to be forgotten.

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"Honolulu is a very cosmopolitan city, having among its population of twenty-six thousand souls people from most of the countries of Europe and many Chinese and Japanese as well as the native Hawaiians. A ride about Honolulu is like going through one enormous green house. On either side of the broad roads are luxuriant palm-shaded gardens with hedges of brilliant scarlet hibiscus, delicate-colored oleanders and rare foliage plants.

"Almost the first place which the traveler wishes to visit after landing in Honolulu is the Royal Palace, where King Kalakua and afterward Queen 'Lil' lived. The American flag now floats over the building and it is used for government offices. One room however is left as in the days of royalty. This is the throne room. The furniture here is very rich, being overlaid with gold leaf and upholstered with heavy satin. Surrounding the Palace is a very large park filled with beautiful palms and rare tropical plants.

"Another place that the tourist must not fail to visit is the Bishop Museum, for here he will find a



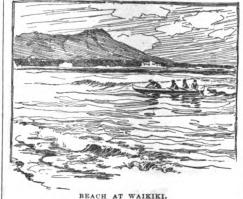
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large collection of most interesting relics connected with the history of the islands. Among the precious treasures are the feather capes which were worn by the Hawaiian kings and their Court precious treasures are the feather capes which were worn by the Hawaiian kings and their Court on great occasions. These capes are about one and one-half yards in length and are made entirely of tiny yellow feathers. The Liwi bird from which these feathers were procured have only two of these under each wing, so some idea of the number required can be estimated. The life of the bird however was not sacrificed, for it was given its freedom after the feathers were obtained. Besides the capes there are numerous feather plumes. These resemble enormous dusters mounted upon very long poles. They were carried at public processions, coronations and funerals. There are many monstrous poi bowls and pestles to be seen in the Museum. The poi, as everybody knows, is the great national Hawaiian dish and is made from the taro plant. It is pounded until it is a stringy mass and when ready to serve is eaten with the fingers. People who have tried this food differ in their opinion as to its taste. Some pronounce it palatable, others say that it resembles sour paste. Patches of this taro plant grow about Honolulu. Itlooks somewhat like the calla lilly as to leaf and size. "One of the finest drives to be taken about Honolulu is that to Waikiki, a distance of about five miles. The road part of the way is on the shore of the ocean. The water here is as clear as a crystal and you can distinguish every pebble. Here the natives ride in their surf boats, which is a famous sport in Honolulu. All the way along are rows of very tall cocoanut palms bordering the road, or sometimes you see great groves of these trees. The trunks are as smooth as if they had been polished. At the very top they send out a branching tuft of leaves and clusters of fruit. Another tree frequently seen is the candle-nut tree. These trees bear a nut which the natives formerly used for lighting their homes. On this ride also one passes many sugar and banana plantations and coffee groves.

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'They have a very pretty custom in Honolulu when visitors are leaving the city. On the streets everywhere on 'Steamer day' are seen for sale wreaths of different colored carnations, ginger and everlasting flowers. Your friends in the city buy these garlands, or lais, as they are called, for you and twine them about your neck. It makes the scene a most festive one, and you sail away carrying with you most happy memories of this 'Land



of Aloha,' or the land of welcome—as the Hawaiians poetically call their islands—that you have just been visiting." ELIZABETH WOOD, Wuchang, China.

The following description of a Southern celebration of Decoration Day will certainly be a surprise to some of the Northern cousins and may amuse

to some of the Northern cousins and may amuse them as well.

"Decoration Day, the great Eldorado around which seem centered the yearly anticipations of the colored folks of Beaufort, S. C., has once more passed away, leaving, doubtless, most pleasant remembrances for the participants in its celebration. It is strange indeed that on a day typical of sorrow and death there should be among the darkies down in Dixie so much genuine enjoyment and delight, and probably but few among them understand rightly the import of the yearly gathering.

"On the evening preceding the Memorial Anniversary of the Federal dead lying within the National Cemetery of Beaufort, crowds of negroes begin to gather and from their wondrously gay apparel, their merry jests and shouts, the noise, if not music of their attendant bands, one might imagine that some other victory than that of the grave was being celebrated. By midday of the thirtieth of May thousands have collected; Charleston, Savannah and the neighboring islands each furnishing its quota, and the succeeding hours belong exclusively to the colored residents and their visitors. Tables of refreshments are stationed here and there along the streets, and as the crowd surgest oand from the luckster must indeed be wary whose goods are not skillfully spirited away.

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"About four in the afternoon, the dark throng being fully collected, with waving banners and music bearing no funeral sound, wends its way, in unalloyed enjoyment, toward the National Cemetery upon the outskirts of the town, and there, finally, a little solemnity is attempted by the colored orators of the day. Then follows the decoration of the graves, thousands in number, with flags and flowers, the work being chiefly performed by the colored veterans of the Federal army; and one can well imagine the consternation of the Northern warrior, could he suddenly arise from his quiet resting place beneath the sod, and behold the incongruous mass moving to and fro about his grave.

"But soon the evening shades are gathering; time and tide are waiting for no man, and the steamers' shrill whistles are screaming the warning that the excursionists should retrace their steps. This they speedily do; yet there are some who, having passed their day of decoration at the shrine of Bacchus, find it now impossible to preserve a proper equilibrium. For these suitable night accommodations are provided, with a morn of heavy reckoning ahead. Such instances, however, are happily the exceptions, and when we think of the vast concourse of truly irresponsible beings, thus curiously brought together we must accord them praise for their almost universally good behavior.

"It is a stated fact that many of the bones lying within this National Cemetery, and claiming the annual attention of the colored population, were never encased in human form, but are those of cows and other animals collected by swindlers in order to gain the reward offered for the remains of Northern patriots who had fallen on the battlefields near by. Shame on such duplicity! Yet the animal, like man, has fulfilled his destiny and a flag or flower may adorn the gave of

Now here is another Southern letter, but from quite the other side of the country. I hope none of the cousins will be tempted by it to go to the Red river to hunt for the hidden treasure.

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"Twenty-five miles from my home flows Red river, which separates my own state from the Indian Territory. Serpentlike, the stream winds between its quicksand bars and giant cottonwood trees, sullen, steathy, treacherous and blood-thirsty as the savages who used to roam along its banks. Countless numbers have found death in its murky water, and if a white garment be dipped into that water it comes out stained a dingy red, and nothing can ever restore its whiteness.

"On the river's southern bank are the remains of a rude fort, and a battleground where Spaniards and Indians met in deadly conflict a hundred years ago; and on the table before me lies a little heap of relics, bones, bullets, teeth, beads and arrowheads, gathered from that field.

"A hundred years ago the wide plains rolled from Red river to the Rio Grande, almost uninhabited except by the buffalo, the deer, the fierce grey prairie wolf, and the still more savage Red man. Then it was that a train of Spanish adventurers came up from Mexico and built the fort, from which they made journeys to the silver mines in what is now the Indian Territory. They were massacred by Indians. There is none who can tell aught of that fierce fray, but these grewsome mementoes speak eloquently. I fancy that this queer old builted burfed itself in a dusky bosom, and stilled a fearless heart, and this arrow let the life blood out of a Spanish breast. Perhaps this heap of blue and white beads ornamented a moccasin wrought to cover a fleet foot that turned to dust so long ago. Old legends tell that the Spaniards buried their treasure near the old fort, and parties from near and far have searched for it. Some say that the ore was found and carried away by Mexicans; others are of the opinion that it has never been unearthed. But as to which story is true, as our neighbors across the Rio Grande say, "Quien sabe?"

Grace Garland, Whitesboro, Texas.

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Our next letter takes again to the far Southern States and treats us to a "possum hunt."

"One of the many sports enjoyed by the farmer's oy is hunting the 'possum. In the fall of the year "One of the many sports enjoyed by the farmer's boy is hunting the 'possum. In the fall of the year when persimmons are ripe and the opossum is good and fat, the boys of the neighborhood congregate at the home of one of them, and after calling up the dogs and providing themselves with axes, for the purpose of cutting Br'er 'Possum out of a hollow log, or cutting down a tree in which he has taken refuge, they start on their journey around the swamps and through underbrush, with whoops and yells and barking dogs. Finally they hear the pack barking furiously away off in some dismal place, or perhaps in some old field, where the pale light of the moon diffuses itself among the foliage of the persimmon tree where the silvery gray varment can be seen grinning and heard growling at his pack of enemies below. Should the boys cut down the tree or induce the game to jump, the fun commences, for he is a bad customer when cornered and not infrequently the dogs feel his presence materially. When he is captured he immediately 'plays 'possum,' that is, pretends to be dead; although he may be kicked or beaten ever so hard, not the slightest signs of life will he give, and frequently those not acquainted with this 'possum ruse, have been fooled and have let the game escape. "Besides furnishing the best of sport in his cap-

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"Besides furnishing the best of sport in his capture, the flesh of the opossum is esteemed a delicacy. When the grey streaks of dawn begin to appear the boys may be seen wending their way homeward with the dogs, tired out from the night's hunt, following close at their heels, while in one hand a lightwood torch is held to light the way, and the other holds a large fat 'possum,' and while they are talking of the fun of the night they are thinking of the good things that they will buy when they have taken their 'possums to town and sold them." Charles C. Tindall, Jesup, Georgia.

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Now I'm going to let you have a peep at a last year's Christmas tree, as perhaps some of you who have plenty of little ones but not an abundance of money may like to imitate it this year.

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"Times were rather hard with us last year and we feared Santa Claus would not visit us, but after much thought we decided we could have a very nice Christmas tree at a small cost and this is the tale of how we did it. Comfort had paid me a dollar for a letter and with it I bought three china dolls and a set of small garden tools, and with other dimes and nickles added to my purse I managed to get a little token for each member of our large family. I dressed the dolls in canary colored mull and baby ribbon, and having made little bags of crepe paper I filled them with nuts and delicious home made candies. Boxes of all shapes, hats, hearts, and horse shoes, were made of pasteboard and covered with dainty colored crepe paper, and filled with candies fit for kings to eat and the equal of Lowney's make. Many other gifts were provided, all fashioned by my own fingers or those of other members of the family, with small or no expense for materials, such as aprons, neckties, handkerchiefs, pen wipers, needle cases, etc.

"The tree was a pine sapling planted in a large stone jar filled with earth, with cotton on top of the dirt to resemble snow. We placed it in front of the parlor fireplace and through the branches was fastened a chain of gilt tinsel, while gaily colored angels and a Santa Claus, peeped out here and there. The gifts were so hung on the tree as to show to the best advantage and the large boxes and parcels were placed on the rug beneath.

"One of the boys was Santa Claus, he wore a coneshaped cap covered with cotton-fiannel to look like fur, and the waterproof coat he wore was trimmed with the same kind of goods; with his long white hair and beard of cotton wool he made a very good St. Nicholas, and when he came out of the fireplace it seemed as if he had really come down the chimney. He made a little speech to the children and then distributed the gifts from the tree.

"It was a jolly Christmas Eve and the children

tree.
"It was a jolly Christmas Eve and the children
voted to have a tree every year, and as it cost us so
little and gave so much pleasure we hope to have
one as long as there are little ones with us in the
old home."

LOUELLA SPENCE, Pass Christian, Miss. Now let us sail straight (?) up the Mississippi river and visit the scene of the famous Battle of Lake Erie.

"In the southeastern part of beautiful Lake Erie lies a group of about fifteen islands, large and small; some cultivated and improved to the water's edge, others still wild and rocky as nature left them. This portion of the lake is a land-locked harbor, so shut in that gales cannot penetrate; hence its waters are at all times quiet and serene, furnishing great facilities for boating and fishing. Some of the islands are literally covered with grape vines, the famous Catawba grape being produced herein great abundance and furnishing a large amount of the wine that is yearly consumed. "These islands are famous in American history, "In the southeastern part of beautiful Lake Erie



PERRY'S OUTLOOK, GIBRALTAR ISLAND.

the noted Captain Oliver H. Perry having won his anaval victory over the British in this harbor on September 10, 1813. In his now famous official dispatch announcing his victory Perry said:

"We have met the enemy and they are ours; two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Many of the islands still bear the names given them by Perry. Pebble Island he so named on account of the many pebbles on its shores. Gibraltar received its name because of its steep and rugged cliffs and was much used by Perry as a lookout station. Wonderful, indeed, is its scenery. On one of its headlands, facing the harbor, now stands a large stone, surmounted by a beautiful bronze vase, the whole dedicated to the memory of the heroic Perry.

"Put-in-Bay is a lovely sheet of water with little Gibraltar islet nestled in its crescent. After leaving Presque Isle, where he had built his war vessels from the growing forest, Captain Perry made sail for the head of the lake and anchored in this bay, opposite the British fleet.

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"Put-in-Bay is alowely sheet of water with little climate, roses blooming in its gardens in December. It has become quite a popular summer resort within the last few years. With its electric car system, numerous pavilions and shady groves it makes a charming spot in which to pass the summer mer months. Among the wonders of this island is Perry's Cave. From its walls and ceilings are suspended long, glistening stalactites which form a

perfect ice palace dazzling the eyes with its rain-bow tints. The cave is chilly and damp, and com-ing from the warm and sunny atmosphere outside one immediately feels the change, and though en-raptured with its wonderful beauty it is impossi-



PERRY'S CAVE, PUT-IN-BAY ISLAND.

ble to remain for any length of time unless pro-

ble to remain for any length of time unless provided with wraps.

"Taken as a whole the islands of Lake Erie, in their beauty of scenery, grace of outline and shady groves and vineyards, form a most beautiful spot. It is difficult to imagine, as we look upon the peaceful harbor with its deep blue waves calmly lapping the shore that those waters were once stained crimson with the blood of dying soldiers. A feeling of sadness steals over us as we think of the brave boys who so courageously faced death on that glorious autumn day for the sake of that same flag for which our soldier boys of to-day are giving up their lives."

MAMIE E. REIMERS.

Our old friend, George Johnson, of Burlington, Kansas, has sent me several letters of late, and

Kansas, has sent me several letters of late, and from them I have selected the following as being likely to interest my readers. What he writes me of a prairie fire and of a Commanche reservation are also interesting, but I have recently published letters on both these subjects.

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"It has been a matter of much speculation whether Kansas would be Kansas—whether the people of Kansas could prosper without its winds. Many regard them as a great drawback to the country, while others look upon them as its very life. It is true Kansas is the cradle of the cyclone and of the blizzard. The wind blows eleven months in the year and the twelfth month it blows extraordinarily. One cannot step out of doors but his hat is askew, his hair disheveled and his face looks as though it had been washed in a mud puddle and dried up the chimney. This is all very disagreeable to one who is not acclimated, but the people of Kansas could no more live without its winds than a fish can live out of water. Should it stop blowing for a single day in the summer, they would long for it with a most intense longing, for without it the air under the blazing sun becomes suffocating. "The wind is in other ways an advantage to Kansas, a three days' incessant blow generally bringing rain on the evening of the third. The trouble-some grasshopper and chinch bug are also blown away by the wind, and the gigantic mills for pumping water or grinding corn, or for other purposes, all depend for the power for their immense sails upon these same ever prevalent winds."

George Johnson, Burlington, Kansas.

And now good-by until the month of "Merry Christmas" dawns upon us.

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HE leading dealers in art needlework are already showing their creations for the coming season. The sofa pillow still holds

sofa pillow still holds a leading place, and is developed in many new and strik ing designs. The very latest thing is the "Foto pillow." The center of the pillow consists of a photograph is a stamped design to be worked in embroidery silks. There are a great variety of styles and colors, and the size of the "Fotos" range from 7 by 9, to 12 by 16. The finished pillows are very effective and will undoubtedly prove one of the favorite novelties of the seaprove one of the favorite novelties of the sea-

Another handsome pillow in a totally dif-Another handsome pillow in a totally dif-ferent style has a floral design stamped on canvas, to be worked in cross stitch. These are imported and remind one of tapestry. The design is strong in character, and the colors illustrate harmony in contrast, while a black outline throws the design into greater relief. These pillows will prove favorites with those

outline throws the design into greater relief. These pillows will prove favorites with those who do not embroider, especially, while they possess the advantage of great durability. They are rich in effect and are considered by the dealers one of the best of their new lines. Another pillow, also on canvas or basket cloth, has a stamped outline to be worked in long and short stitch, the whole design being finished with an outline of black. It is remarkable what that line of black around a design will accomplish. It sets off and throws into relief the patterns emphasizing those which are good, and giving character to those which might otherwise appear weak.

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The hand painted pillows were shown last season, but they are still in favor. These are tinted in natural colors, and are worked in tipping stitch, securing a peculiarly soft and pleasing effect. Floral designs are usually chosen, and the pillows are especially pretty. pretty.

The two-toned effects are The two-toned effects are to be again extensively used. The design, which is boldly conventional, and the background are in two contrasting shades of the same color. The design is outlined with a heavy thread, and the effect is much like applique. These much like applique. These pillows are easily made, and require no knowledge of embroidery.



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In table linens Battenburg and embroidery are to be extensively combined, and those who do not embroider may this year be enabled to finish their Battenburg after the accepted manner by means of hand embroidered flowers which are to be appliqued to the goods. These flowers are quite new, and are beautifully done. They are worked by hand upon linen, stiffened at the back and then cut out close to the embroidery. They are then ready to be applied to any piece of work by simply buttonholing all around the edge with a fine silk of the same shade. The only flowers yet shown are roses

The newest handkerchief, glove and necktie cases are of embroidered linen, the edge finished with point lace set into the linen. The lace edge is about two inches deep. These are

exquisite.

Battenburg is to have at least another season of great popularity. It is made up in various ways to wear with dressy costumes. There are boleros, collars, cuffs and yokes; bolero jackets and blouse jackets with elbow sleeves, all made



PERFUMED HANGER.

entirely of Battenburg, to be worn over colors or white. The Battenburg lace is beautiful when properly used, and it is sincerely to be hoped that its use as an article of dress may be kept within the bounds of good taste.

One of the handsomest scarfs shown is of

material called metal lace. Its name

seems incongruous, but the lace itself is rich and beautiful. It consists of a delicate pattern cut from linen and ap-

cut from linen and appliqued to net. Both linen and net are of a deep old yellow, and the design is outlined with a wash gold thread. Rings of the wash gold metal are used in the design effectively, and add weight and richness to the lace. The color harmony of the

and richness to the lace.
The color harmony of the old yellow and the gold makes one of the chief charms of the work. The scarfs are used for library tables and dressers.

A variety of new handkerchiefs show borders of tatting; some with wide and some with narrow edges. There are many different patterns of the tatting, and they are sewed directly to the border of the handker-GRANDFATHER'S chief, or to a ruffle of

footing. One very odd handkerchief is made in the form of a Roman cross, with a narrow tatting across the end of each of the arms of the cross, and the square completed by four wheels of tatting joined and fitted into each of the four corners.

corners.

Now that everyone is looking for "the antique" to ornament the house, things almost Now that everyone is looking for "the antique" to ornament the house, things almost valueless in themselves are bringing sometimes absurd prices simply because they are old. An easy and inexpensive way for anyone who can handle a few tools to make Christmas presents, was conceived by an ingenious boy a short time ago, who made cedar chests and clock frames in miniature, and a number of other little ornaments, out of the sides of a few old cigar boxes. The miniature hall clock is made of thirteen separate pieces and whittled out with a common jack-knife, being held in place with small tacks and glue. When it is all together, a cheap watch can be obtained for a dollar and hung in the opening left for the dial to show, and with the total expenditure of what such a watch costs a very unique and valuable little gift may be made. The clock here described was twelve inches high, the base being two and one-half inches high by two inches wide at top, and three and one-half at bottom. The top is in same proportion. Dial opening two inches across.

A delicate odor of violet or some equally inches across.

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A delicate odor of violet or some equally sweet flower or perfume is very desirable, though care should always be used that it is not too pronounced. Just a suggestion shows the best taste. To accomplish this, the sachet powder between layers of cotton batting should be plentifully strewn through one's bureau drawers where the veils, neckwear and lingerie are kept. For the bodice, however, the very latest way is to cover the ends of an ordinary wire hanger, and then the inside of the bodice

are kept. For the bodice, however, the very latest way is to cover the ends of an ordinary wire hanger, and then the inside of the bodice is always sweet and fresh. This may be accomplished by making bags for the ends of the hanger, of ribbon five inches wide. Lay a thick strip of batting onto the ribbon and then lay the ends of the ribbon together, (the batting on the inside, of course) and featherstitch the selvedges of the ribbon together. Draw on over end of hanger and gather and fasten near the center. Tie with ribbon if desired.

A broom cover is a very convenient thing to have in the house, for dusting the tops of doors and windows and the walls. Our illustration shows clearly how they are made. Lay the broom to be used onto a piece of cretonne or cambric and cut a double piece an inch larger all around. Seam up one side and the bottom, leaving top and one side open, to be fastened with buttons or ribbon bows, after inserting the broom. If desired a ruffle could be put across the bottom and then left open at bottom and top, both sides being seamed up. Then the broom could be pushed in, handle first.

How a Young Lady Helps to Support Her Home—Her Advice to Others.

Her Home—Her Advice to Others.
They are worked by hand upon linen, stiffened at the back and then cut out close to the embroidery. They are then ready to be applied to any piece of work by simply buttonholing all around the edge with a fine silk of the same shade. The only flowers yet shown are roses in pink, yellow and red. The shading and stitches upon these seem perfect, and certainly few workers could equal them; of course the difference would be apparent upon examining the under side of the fabric, but the effect is the same as though done upon the goods itself. In combining Battenburg and embroidery the floral design often overlap, the lace and all the difficulties of the work as ordinarily done are simplified by applying the ready embroidered spray.

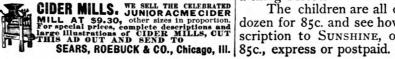
Some of the new centerpieces have a conventional border of openwork design, all the spaces of which are underlaid with net. The design itself is done in long and short stitch in two delicate shades of green. The method of decorating is simple, as only the one stitch is employed, and the finished piece is especially dainty.

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O much has already been written and said on the subject of the on the subject of the eclipse of last May that I fear that Comfort's many readers will dub me a "back number" if I so much as allude to it at this time; and yet as no one has so yet, as no one has, so far as I am aware, written of it in these pages, I venture to mention it in connec-tion with other events of the trip which I am about to describe. It was the occasion

of the annual excursion of the National Geo-graphical Society, of Washington, D. C., and had been planned with especial reference to the eclipse. One of the steamers of the Wash-ington and Norfolk

ington and Norfolk line, with a carrying capacity of two hundred and fifty persons, had been chartered for the trip, and it was supposed the accommodations provided were ample for all who would desire to go; but for once the committee of arrangements made a mistake, for the number of disappointed would-be-excursionists fully equalled the fortunate holders of tickets and loud were the lamentations of

cursionists fully equalled the fortunate holders of tickets, and loud were the lamentations of those left behind.

As the eclipse was to take place early on the morning of Monday, the twenty-eighth of May, Sunday evening at seven saw us steaming down the Potomac river. Past the Arsenal and Saint Elizabeth's Insane Asylum, Alexandria, and the many river resorts, we sailed in the beautiful evening light; past Fort Foote and old Fort Washington, and, just as the shades of night were gathering around us, the bell of the steamer tolled at Mount Vernon.

Perhaps I should explain here that it is the custom of all steamers, which ply up and down the Potomac always to show this mark of respect as they pass the place where rest the remains of him who was—and is—"First in the hearts of his countrymen," while the steamer's band at the same time plays softly the strains

band at the same time plays softly the strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," or "Mount Vernon Bells."

As darkness increased the excursionists left As darkness increased the excursionists left the decks for the forward saloon, where they were called to order by the President of the society, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, whom all the world knows as the inventor of the "Bell" telephone. Following him came the venerable Professor Simon Newcomb, late astronomer in the Naval Observatory and the Nautical Almanac Bureau. Professor Newcomb lectured for a short time upon sellings, in general and

Almanac Bureau. Professor Newcomb lectured for a short time upon eclipses in general, and gave us much good and practical advice as to the best way to view the coming one.

Professor Willis L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, talked for a short time upon the rapid development of that Bureau, and its usefulness to mankind, stating that it has been in existence only thirty years; and won for himself unbounded applause from his audience when he remarked, in closing, that he could promise us perfect weather for the morrow; which promise, by the way, was fulfilled to the letter.

row; which promise, by the way, was fulfilled to the letter.

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale, who had come from Boston to Washington for the sole purpose of joining the Geographical Society in their excursion to Hampton Roads, was called upon for a speech. His huge frame, his large head covered with long, shaggy, fron-gray hair, his dark, piercing eyes, his wide-brimmed, soft felt hat, and his long cape coat made a striking figure as he stepped forward in response to tell us a story which, he assured us, "is strictly true."

At the time of the eclipse of 1806, he told us, his father was a professor in Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, and as the belt of totality was New Hampshire, and as the belt of totality was to cover that vicinity great were the preparations for viewing it. Near to Exeter is a small town called Hampton, and when the eventful morning arrived the people of Exeter were astonished to see the streets filled with the inhabitants of Hampton, in all their best array, coming in carts, wagons, stages, and even on foot. When asked why they had come they replied "To see the eclipse, to be sure. Hampton is so small a place that the eclipse would not dream of coming there."

"Now," said Mr. Hale, "One hundred years later I have come to Hampton to see the eclipse because Boston is so small a place that the eclipse is not coming there," and he sat down amid roars of laughter from those who know Boston and her pride.

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Monday informing early saw us sceaming into Portsmouth harbor, having passed at Hampton Roads the steam yacht Dolphin, upon which were President McKinley and his party, who had come from Washington upon the same had come from Washington upon the same errand as ourselves; and at seven o'clock we were safely tied up to the pier at Portsmouth Navy yard, our cameras in position, our sheets spread to catch the shadow-bands, our glasses smoked, and everything in readiness for the great event. We watched the varying phases of the "glorious orb of day" as the little moon impertinently pushed herself before him. We felt the strange chill in the air as the light gradually disappeared. We watched for shadow bands, and saw them not; but we did see the magnificent corona at totality, the bands of light beyond, the stars—Mercury, Aldebaran and Venus, the wonderful tints of dawn in the horizon, and the curious crescent shadows as horizon, and the curious crescent shadows as totality neared and passed off. It was a con-derful, a thrilling experience, and all hearts were touched and all voices awed into silence as we gazed upon the weird but magnificent

After the eclipse had lost its interest we passed an hour in roaming about the navy yard, inspecting its relics of war in the way of guns and cannonballs. We wandered over the Terror and the San Francisco, both of which were then laid up here for repairs, and studied, with the aid of our fieldglasses the unwere then laid up here for repairs, and studied, with the aid of our fieldglasses, the unfortunate Reina Mercedes which was anchored in mid-stream, with all her shattered machinery and guns, yellow with rust, in full view through the terrible holes made in her by our missiles of war.

At ten o'clock we started for Newport News, which we reached just before noon. While there we visited the new dry-dock, just build-

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war vessel, which also was only partly finished, and which is intended as a companion to the Kentucky. We inspected the Kentucky from stem to stern and from hold to the turrets and the fighting tops, under the guidance of a bright-eyed sailor boy in immaculate white duck. While standing in one of the turrets the noon whistle blew, and we watched, amazed, the army of workmen of all degrees and nationalities stream off from their work on ships or in machine shops to their noon meal, and we steamed away from Newport News more than ever convinced of its size and its value as a shipbuilding plant.

Our next stop was to be at Yorktown, the little town on the York river, which holds so important a place in the memory of every citizen of these United States. We were somewhat disappointed in our visit, however, for we were so long on the way that our stay there was necessarily very short. Every one rushed for the old battlefield as soon as the steamer touched the shore, where, upon its highest point, upon the spot where Cornwallis surrendered his sword to Washington on that memorable nineteenth of October, stands a magnificent shaft of gray granite, surmounted by the Angel of Peace with wings half folded and arms outstretched in blessing. This is said to be the finest monument in the United States. Around the shaft just above the base are thirteen female figures carved in bas-relief, representing the thirteen original states. Below, on the four faces of the base, are inscriptions commemorative—one of the surrender of Cornwallis, a second of the admission to the Union of the thirteen original states, and the other two I do not know, as I had not time to read them. This monument is shown in our initial.

Half way up the village street between the wharf and the monument still stands the "old Nelson House" where the articles of capitulation between Cornwallis and Washington's headquarters at that time. It is still used as a dwelling house, and is in a good state of preservation. The family in pos easion kindly allowed our w

stand-still to the last degree. Down near the wharf are buildings which must have been in existence in Washington's time, which are litterally dropping to pieces from age and decrepitude, with no attempt made to preserve them. The church, of brick, covered with stucco, stands in the midst of the graveyard, and is as venerable and aged in appearance as the Nelson House. We longed to linger in this historic spot, but the inexorable whistle sounded, and we hurried on board our steamer, casting regretful looks behind as we sailed down the river and away. river and away

Our next and last stopping place on this trip was Fort Monroe, where we arrived in time for evening drill. We admired the Kearsarge as she lay at anchor near the Fort, spic and span in her white and yellow paint and gleaming brasswork. The fort, or fortress, as it should rightfully be called, is surrounded by a most or tide-water ditch eight feet deep, and measuring in circumference about experts of the state uring in circumference about one and one-half s, within which enormously thick walls of gray granite enclose a space of eighty acres upon which are the barracks, the officers' quarters, the store houses, workshops, parade grounds, and all the necessary equipments of such a place.

We marched in over the bridge, bearing with us our cameras loaded with plates or films ready us our cameras loaded with plates or films ready for "snap shots;" but imagine our chagrin when we were politely but firmly stopped by the guard with the remark that "cameras are not allowed inside," and one by one we relinquished them and saw them stacked (no other word will express it) in the embrasure behind the guard. However, we made the best of our disappointment and laughed at the blank faces of our friends as they gave up their cameras.

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PRETZELS.

and an extra yolk; one tablespoon cream and some grated lemon peel. Mix thoroughly and roll out on board. Cut into narrow strips and make into wreaths. Brush over with yolk of egg and strew with pounded sweet almonds. So many requests come to us for cake recipes that we are going to devote our space this month to several cake and cookie mixtures, which we hope will be new and attractive to at least some of our readers.

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Please bear in mind that all our measurements are level.

THANKSGIVING CAKE.

Mix together and beat until smooth, two cups bread dough, one-half cup butter, two cups sugar, two eggs, one-fourth teaspoon cloves, one-half teaspoon each of cinnamon and nutmeg, one-half teaspoon soda, one cup seeded raisins and one-fourth cup sliced citron. Turn into an angel cake tin and let rise until it has nearly doubled its bulk; bake in oven same temperature as for bread. When cold, frost with maple sugar frosting and decorate with nut meats. Mix together and beat until smooth, two

MAPLE SUGAR FROSTING.

Cook together two cups grated maple sugar and one cup cream until a soft ball may be formed in cold water, being careful not to stir. Set into a pan of cold water and beat until of a consistency to spread.

PECAN CAKE.

Cream one-half cup butter; add one cup sugar gradually, the yolks of three eggs well beaten and one-half cup milk. Mix one and three-fourths cups flour with two and one-half teaspoons baking powder; add to first mixture with the whites of three eggs beaten stiff; mix thoroughly and add three-fourths cup nut meat, broken in pieces. Bake in a buttered and floured pan forty minutes.

MAPLE PECAN FROSTING.

Boil one and seven-eighths cups powdered sugar, one cup maple syrup and one-half cup cream until a soft ball may be formed when dropped in cold water. Remove from stove and add three-fourths cup pecan nuts cut in pieces; beat until of right consistency to spread.

FIG CAKE.

Cream one-half cup butter; add slowly one cup brown sugar, two well-beaten eggs and one-half cup water. Sift together one and one-half cups flour, one-half teaspoon each of cinnamon and nutmeg, two teaspoons baking powder and one-fourth teaspoon cloves; add to first mixture and beat thoroughly. Add three-fourths cup raisins and three-fourths cup figs cut fine and mixed with two tablespoons flour. Bake an hour and a half in a moderate oven. moderate oven.

BOILED FROSTING.

Boil one cup of sugar and one-third cup water until it threads. Pour slowly onto the beaten white of one egg and stir until it thick-ens; add one-half teaspoon vanilla.

CHOCOLATE CAKE.

Cream one-half cup butter, add one and one-half cups sugar, one-half cup milk and two and one-fourth cups flour, sifted, with one-fourth teaspoon soda and three-fourths teaspoon cream of tartar. Add the beaten whites of five eggs and two squares of grated chocolate. Beat thoroughly and bake about forty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING.

Melt two squares chocolate, add three table-spoons boiling water and enough confectioners' sugar to thicken. When of right consistency to spread add one teaspoon vanilla.

One-third cup butter, one-third cup powdered sugar, one-third cup molasses, one egg well beaten, seven-eighths cup bread flour, one cup pecan meat cut in pieces. Mix the ingredients in the order given and bake in small, shallow fancy cake tins, garnishing the top of each cake with one-half pecan.

NUREMBURGS.

Beat the whites of two eggs until stiff and add slowly one-half cup powdered sugar and the yolks of two eggs well beaten. Sift three-fourths cup flour with one-fourth teaspoon salt, one-third teaspoon cinnamon and one-eighth teaspoon clove. Stir mixtures together and add two-thirds cup roasted almonds, one tablespoon finely cut candied orange peel and the grated rind of one lemon. Drop on baking sheet and sprinkle with shredded almonds and powdered sugar. Bake twelve minutes.

CHOCOLATE COOKIES.

CHOCOLATE COOKIES.

Cream one-half cup butter, add one cup sugar and one well-beaten egg. Melt two squares Baker's chocolate and add to mixture, also one-fourth cup milk added alternately with two and one-half cups flour mixed and sifted with two teaspoons baking powder and one-fourth teaspoon salt. Roll mixture on an inverted dripping pan, slightly buttered, and bake in a moderate oven. Remove from oven and cut into oblong pieces, while hot.

FAIRY GINGERBREAD.

one-half cup milk, one and seven-eighths cups bread flour, two teaspoons ginger. Cream the butter, add sugar gradually and milk slowly. Mix and sift flour and ginger and combine ingredients. Spread very thin, with long bladed knife, on a buttered, inverted dripping pan. Bake in moderate oven. Cut in squares while

VANILLA WAFERS.

One-third cup butter and lard in equal proportions, one cup sugar, one egg, one-fourth cup milk, two and one half cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt and two teaspoons vanilla. Cream butter, add sugar, egg well beaten, milk and vanilla. Chill thoroughly. Toss one-fourth mixture on floured board and roll as thin as possible. Cut with small star cutter. Bake on buttered sheet with small star cutter. Bake on buttered sheet in moderate oven. During rolling, the bowl containing mixture should be kept in the ice chest, or it will be necessary to add more flour to the dough to the dough.

PEANUT COOKIES.

Two tablespoons butter, one-fourth cup sugar, one egg, one teaspoon baking powder, one-fourth teaspoon salt, one-half cup flour, two tablespoons milk, one-half cup finely chopped peanuts, one-half teaspoon lemon juice. Cream butter, add sugar and egg. Mix and sift baking powder, salt and flour; add to first mixture; then add milk, peanuts and lemon juice. Drop from a teaspoon on an unbuttered sheet, one inch apart, and place one-half peanut on top of each. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in a slow oven. This recipe makes 24 cookies. cookies.

cookies.

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One of the first things that is taught with regard to carving is sharpening the knives. Use a good steel and bring the knife down first one side and then the other with an easy, sliding stroke, at an angle of 20 to 25 degrees.

A knife of moderate size is required for good results, and the platter should be placed near enough to the carver to give her control of it. It should likewise be large enough to allow room at the side to place the portions of meat as they are carved. In carving beef, mutton, lamb and veal, thin, smooth slices are desirable, and they should be cut across the grain, taking care to pass the knife through to the bone of the meat. In carving a leg of mutton the best slices are obtained from the center, and next choice from the broad end. The pieces from the part next the knuckle are apt to be dry. A sirloin



THANKSGIVING CAKE.

of beef yields its best slices from the end near the tenderloin. If it is cut through in this part the pieces must be fairly thick; if long, thin slices are desired it should be cut across.

In carving chicken or turkey, place the head to the right, cut off the wing nearest, then the leg, and then the second joint; then slice the breast until a rounded piece appears. Slip the knife between that and the bone, and separate knife between that and the bone, and separate them; that is considered the best part of the bird. Next comes the "wish bone." After this turn the bird over a little, and just below the breast will be found the "oyster," which can be separated like the inner breast. The side bone lies beside the rump, and the morsel can be taken out without separating the whole bone. Follow the same method with the other side.

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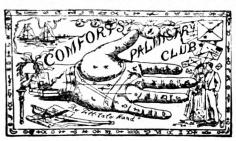
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HERE are so many hands waiting this month that I will proceed at once to the readings.

"November" has the hand of a very refined gentlewoman, one who is faithful, fond and true. She is delicate in her tastes and has a talent for art and for music if she chooses to develop it. Her health will be a trifle delicate from twenty to thirty, but she will take care of herself and will live to a ripe old age. She will have considerable opposition from friends and relatives during the period between twenty years and thirty, but will finally triumph and the latter part of her life will be uncommonly smooth and easy. There will be a decided change in the manner and place of her career about the age



tions; she ought never to be obliged to "NOVEMBER." living or to be burdened with much care. On the whole, however, hers is a good hand and a

lucky one.

"E. L." has hands of a very different type, his being masculine where the last were feminine in characteristics. The lines in these are very heavily marked and I should say that this man is very emphatic in his nature, plain and straightforward, almost to bluntness, and lacking in the finer arts: at the same time be will straightforward, almost to bluntness, and lacking in the finer arts; at the same time he will be honest and true, reliable and trustworthy: a solid business man. Some of his markings are very peculiar, more so in his left than his right hand; so that unless he is left-handed he has overcome his most peculiar tendencies. He will not live much beyond three score years and will die suddenly when he goes. He will have many obstacles to contend against in early life and has been much hampered in youth have many obstacles to contend against in ear-ly life and has been much hampered in youth by adverse conditions. These he will overcome and after thirty will achieve some degree of success. He is a nervous man and has a temper of his own, not a bad thing if he knows how to handle it. I cannot find any sign denoting marriage, but the lines may have been obliterated by some accident, for there seems to have been something of that kind during

the past few years. His is a peculiar hand in many respects and one that is not easy to read from paper. I would advise him, the first time he is near a good palmist, to have a reading. The quality, condition, temperament and so many attributes of the living hand are so apt to affect the reading, that I would much would prefer to have seen and han-dled this one

personally.
"H. S." may
look in the next "E. L." number of COMFORT for his readings.
"Viclet" has sent a photograph of both hands which is quite clear and good, though as I have often said, no photograph is as good

as a smoked paper impression. I wish every one who desires to communicate with this colas a smoked paper impression. I wish every one who desires to communicate with this column would consult the conditions. Violet's hands are well defined, showing a neat and orderly person, with plenty of courage and self-reliance. She will always be well fitted for going ahead and working her own way in the world and will be successful in the main. Early in life, perhaps from twenty to twenty-five, she will meet with some great obstacles that will cause her a great deal of trouble and will seem to be a genuine set-back, in her career; but she will have good courage and will persevere, overcoming in the end. On the whole hers is a lucky hand and she will accomplish something worth while in life. She will marry once and happily, although against the wishes or judgment of her friends. She will be a good wife and kind mother. Her health will be good in the main and will improve the older she grows and she will live to the age of seventy or over. She will have many friends as she is trustworthy and true. The man who gets her for a wife is to be congratulated.

I have a good many calls from readers of Comfort for private delineations of character.

As I have repeated

As I have re-peated here

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"VIOLET."

word the reading belongs.

I may add, though, that those who do not wish to bother to get the necessary subscribers to Comfort, can send the \$2.00 with or without names of subscribers, and their readings will appear as early as I can possibly get to them.

"March Hare" asks for further explanations of the phrase "she does not dare live up to what she knows would be good for her!" This I get from the twisting of the beginning of the life line with that of the head. They are not separated until she is grown up and when such lines appear, we know that the subject lacks the stick-to-a-tiveness necessary to actual accomplishment of her ambitions. She has high ambitions and aspirations and often knows in a flash what she ought to do; but on second thought she decides to postpone action. She should carry out her first impulses and promptly, and so cultivate the perseverance she needs.

thought she decides to postpone action. She sake care of herd age. She will rom friends and between twenty lly triumph and be uncommonly ll be a decided ce of her career about the age of thirty and it will be for the better. She will make two marriages, both advantageous on es. She will see some trouble, however, for her hand is hollow and the inside of the palm is crossed by many lines. She is a nervous creature and has not inches palm is crossed the fate or travel line? And what is the signification?" The line crossing is the life line; and from line, and if so is the line crossed the fate or travel line? And what is the signification?" The line crossing is the life line; where it crosses a continuation of the line, and if so is the line crossed the fate or travel line? And what is the signification?" The line crossing is the life line; where it crosses in that line.

"Millie" says, and I feel that a great many readers agree with her statement:

"The answering of questions is a great help to me. I wish to ask about a crossing of life and fate lines in the right hand, being in the left a quarter of an inch apart. The life line comes to about half way from the wrist. There it disappears and another line begins half an inch above the ending of that line and continue, very deep and clear, to an inch from the wrist, where it crosses another very deep line, which goes up, gradually less distinct upon the Mount of Mercury. The crossing of the line, and if so is the line crossed the fate or travel line? And what is the signification?" The line crossing is the life-line; the other is the helpful line and correct upon the wrist. There is disappears and another line begins half an inch apart. The life line comes to about half way from the wrist. There is disappears and another line begins half an inch apart. The life line, which goes up, gradually less distinct upon the Mount of Mercury. The crossing of the line, which crosses, a continuation of the line, and the plane where it crossed in the line will have a good actre

vous creature and has not the courage of her convic-

"Now is the line which crosses, a continuation of the line, and if so is the line crossed the fate or travel line? And what is the signification?" The line crossing is the life-line; the other is the health line, and the place where they cross indicates a point, counting the age on the life-line, where there will be great danger from severe illness or accident.

"What does it denote when a man's hand contains no lines whatever but the life, head, heart and fate lines, these being deeply cut?" Nothing, except a moderately successful and uneventful life. The fine lines are unnecessary.

"When there is a gathering together of many fine lines on the mount of Apollo, is it a sign of anything?" Two only, cross. Probably a scattering of the good qualities of this Mount. If they form a star or a square, good; a cross, bad. Many fine lines, ill-luck.

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First in importance comes the society known as the T'ien-Ti-Hwey, the associa-tion of Heaven and Earth, with its symbol of a triangle. Its foundation is known

foundation is known to date back as far as 1664. It was first described in 1825 by Gustav Schleged. A Chinaman had been arrested for theft and his house was searched, and books and papers of the society were discovered, showing the existence of a lodge in the city of Padang with over 200 members. This society claims an antiquity dating back to time immemorial. Its ostensible motto, "Obey Heaven and do Righteousness" is said to be understood by its members to mean, "Drive out the Tartars, overthrow the government."

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Tradition says that years ago that the Tartars revolted and caused the emperor a great deal of trouble. He was helped to victory over his enemies by a Buddhist Abbot, who led his monks against the enemy. For this action he was richly rewarded by the emperor, but the emperor's favorite, becoming jealous, obtained a false order against the bishop, and had his monastery burned. Only five of the monks escaped, who were the founders of the present order and are reverenced by its members as "The Five Ancestors." They raised an army and succeeded in defeating the emperor, after which the army was disbanded and each man instructed to go home and raise recruits for the instructed to go home and raise recruits for the new order.

The society claims the allegiance of all of

Chinese blood, and goes to any length to secure members, initiating many by force. Each branch of the order has several members known branch of the order has several members known as Tai-ma, whose business it is to hunt up recruits. When a man has been selected whom it is thought would be a good addition to the society, he is notified to be present at some secluded part of the city at a certain hour. This notification is sometimes made in writing, sometimes the candidate is stopped in some public place and bidden to follow to the place of meeting. However the notification comes, the candidate rarely dares to disobey. The society has various ways of punishing one who refuses. Either he is enticed away and given a severe beating, or he finds himself accused of some crime, with witnesses enough in the employ of the society to render his conviction almost certain. Sometimes the candidate is abducted and carried to the place of meeting where the wishes of the society are imparted to him.

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The meeting-places of the society outside the city walls are guarded with pitfalls, armed men, and massive gates. Instances have been known where strangers have been killed by the guards for trespassing while the society was in session. The candidate for admission to the society, dressed in the prescribed fashion, in new white garments, pig-tail loosened as a token that he renounces the government, with his right shoulder and knees bare and his pockets empty, is met outside the executioner's gate by the Registrar, and is escorted with numerous formalities and great ceremony through the various gates until he stands before the Master of the lodge. Here he prostrates himself before the throne, while eight councillors rest their sharp swords on his shoulder until he is accepted. After this he is given a cup of arrack, and scratching his body he lets a few drops of blood fall into the cup. He then drinks and is escorted outside the walls again. The next day he is met by the secretary, who gives him the necessary passwords and a manual of instructions.

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It cannot be discovered that this lodge has any one head, but the masters of the five grand lodges in China meet and direct the society in all parts of the world. It is not known how intimately Chinamen away from home are connected with their native lodges, but they probably send money to China for their support.

The Tien-Ti-Hwey alone has millions of members, and its influence, at least in the past, has been tremendous. Members pledge themselves to support one another and oppose their home government on all occasions. There have been frequent dangerous and serious outbreaks

been frequent dangerous and serious outbreaks in the history of the society, and it is regarded as a very dangerous element in the manage-ment of the country. On some occasions mem-bers of the society have defied the native offi-cials to do their worst—with the result that

cials to do their worst—with the result that they have escaped punishment for crimes they undoubtedly committed.

Next in importance to the Tien-Ti-Hwang is the Wei Keaow, or the order of the White Lotus. They are also called the "Do Nothings." The first mention of this society is in 1724. Members of this order are required to wear no colored clothing, and to be strict vegetarians. On joining the society they are rewear no colored clothing, and to be strict vegetarians. On joining the society they are required to make over to it all their property, though they are allowed the use of a certain portion of it. Men and women are both admitted to membership in this society, which is extremely wealthy. In 1810 a plot was matured by the White Lotus to blow up the palace at Pekin, but as the conspirators entered the palace, a great gust of wind blew out all the lights. Intensely superstitious as they were, they fled Intensely superstitious as they were, they fled in a panic at this omen, and the plot was dis-covered. A large number of the conspirators were later captured and were promised pardon if they would eat meat. A number of them broke their yow to the society and did so, but

paper and endow them with life. Others can hold their breath for an incredible length. They are said to go into a kind of a trance, the body stiffens and the face turns black, while the soul is supposed to leave the body and go off collecting all sorts of miscellaneous information. One of the members died while attempting this feat, and this fact caused great consternation and loss of prestige of the society. In 1876 Chinamen in one section of the country were thrown into a panic by an epidemic of

In 1876 Chinamen in one section of the country were thrown into a panic by an epidemic of a peculiar sort. Men's pig-tails dropped off, for no apparent reason, and at all sorts of times and places. It was finally discovered that certain members of the White Lotus, secretly armed with tiny scissors as sharp as razors, were causing all the trouble.

The Ko-Lao-Hwey is another strong, dangerous, and rapidly growing society, composed principally of soldiers, but with enough members among high officials and military men to bode ill in case of a rebellion. In 1870 a conspiracy of this society to blow up a powder magazine at Hukow was discovered, and the chief movers in the scheme were arrested and executed.

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Another society of Mohammedans, the Hwey-Hwey-Jin also flourishes and has figured in some horrible massacres in the past. The neophytes for this order undergo some curious ceremonies, notably one of drinking large quantities of soap and water in order to purge themselves of pork, a method one can easily believe might prove effective.

The Tsai-li-Hwey is another order, principally a religious one, the members of which are allowed to wear only white clothes, and who abstain from liquor, tobacco and opium. The society is not important, and on account of their peculiarities the members have been easily recognized and prosecuted by the government, which makes membership in any secret society a penal offence, and for obvious reasons.

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Boxers Not a Representative Type.

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LTHOUGH the vast mobs which infest Pekin and the larger cities of China, worked up to a state of frenzy and fanaticism have rendered impossible any satisfactory action by the available forces of the Powers, the great Chinese population proper is agricultural and naturally extremely peaceful and peace-loving. Agriculture, however, is most primitive and the wonder is how such an immense population can be supported from the soil, until the great economy practiced in all things is un-LTHOUGH the vast

the great economy practiced in all things is understood. On the great plain of China, every available foot of land is available foot of land is utilized for growing some-thing and every particle of fertility returned to the soil. Waters are used for irrigation and in many cases laboriously dis-

tributed over the fields.

The Great Plain itself is one of the most wonderful sections of the globe. It is about 700 miles in length and varies from 200 to 400 miles in width, occupying the northeastern part of the empire, and containing over 200,000 square miles of wonderfully fertile soil. The most interesting feature of this plain is its enormous population, as it supports, according to the census of 1812, not less than 177 million human beings, making it the most densely settled of any part of the world of the same size, its inhabitants amounting to nearly two thirds of the entire population of Europe.

The most wonderful feature in the physical geography of China is the existence of a vast region of loess in this portion of the Empire. Loess is a very solid but friable earth, brownish yellow in color and is found in many places from 500 to 1000 feet deep. The loess hills rise in terraces from 20 to several hundred feet in height. Every atom of loess is perforated by tubes after the manner of root fibers, only the small direction of these little channels is always from above downward so that cleavage in the loess mass is invariably verticle. The loess region of China is perhaps the most broken country in the world, with its sheer cliffs and upright walls, terraces and deep-cut ravines. Owing to the ease with which it can be worked, caves made at the bases of straight cliffs afford homes to millions of people in the densely populated northern provinces where the Boxers have thus far been most active. Whole villages cluster together in carved-out chambers, some of which extend back more than 200 feet. The capabilities of defense in a country such as this, where an invading army must necessarily become lost and absolutely bewildered in the tangle of interlacing ways and where the defenders may always remain concealed or have innumerable means of escape is peculiarly significant at this time when consideration is being given to a conquest of China.

It may not be generally known that the Chinese were the disco

and enlarged in the 13th century. It traverses the Great Plain and flows with but slight current for a distance of seven hundred miles. While built for purposes of communication its waters are used largely for irrigation and thousands of drains and creeks have been made to connect with it along its route.

The modes of irrigation are ancient and crude. One of the most picturesque is by means of the water-wheel, which is used where the land to be watered is well above the channel of the river. The wheel is turned by the force of the current and is perhaps thirty feet high, its buckets being sections of bamboo, which as they are raised by the stately motion of the wheel, empty their contents into troughs or ditches. Hollow bamboo pipes or tubes are sometimes used for distributing water over the fields. They rest upon wooden supports and branch in every direction from the source of supply. The chain pump is also a common means of lifting water, the chain running up from the water on a slant and being provided with little buckets at intervals, which as they reach the highest point and begin to descend, discharge their contents. These machines are worked by buffaloes or sometimes by human labor, a man working a crank with his feet something after the manner of riding a bicycle. The most primitive and laborious method is the ancient well sweep, such as is seen to-day on many an old New England homestead.

ANCIENT CALENDAR.

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HE first day of November is the feast of All Saints when their aid may be invoked both severally and collectively. Each country has its patron saint, as St. George for England, St. Andrew for Scotland, St. Patrick for Ireland, St. Denis for France, St. David for Wales, etc. Brand gives the following additional list of patron saints: St. Colman and St. Leapold for Austria; St. Wenceslaus for Bavaria; St. Canute for Denmark; St. Peter for Flanders; St. Martin for Germany; St. Louis for Hungary; St. Anthony for Italy; St. Stanislaus for Poland; St. Sebastian for Portugal; St. Nicholas for Russia; St. James for Spain; St. Eric and St. John for Sweden; St. Gall for Switzerland.

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Every trade and profession has also its tutelar saint, which Brand enumerates as follows: St. Agatha presides over nurses; St. Catharine and St. Gregory are the patrons of literati, or studious persons; St. Catherine also presides over the arts in the room of Minerva; St. Christopher and St. Nicholas presides over mariners; St. Cecilia is the patron of musicians; St. Cosmas and St. Damian are the patrons of physicians and surgeons, also of philosophers; St. Dismas and St. Nicholas preside over thieves; St. Eustace and St. Hubert over hunters; St. Felicitas over young children; St. Luke is the patron of painters; St. Mathurin presides over divines; St. Valentine over lovers; St. Winifred over virgins; St. Ives over lawyers; St. Andrew and St. Joseph are the patron saints of carpenters; St. Catherine of spinners; St. Dunstan of goldsmiths; St. Goodman of tailors; St. Francis of butchers; St. John Port-Latin of booksellers; St. Leonard of locksmiths; St. Mattin of shoemakers; St. Wilfred of bakers; St. William of hatmakers; etc.

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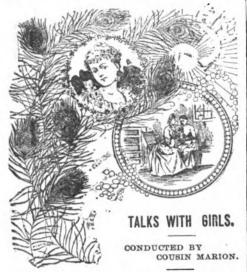




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The first one is "Serious" of Dryden, Mich., who being a very sensible cousin of eighteen, I shall advise to receive the attention of an equally sensible man of thirty-three. However, she is to wait two years before thinking of matrimony.

Rural Maid, Lyons, Iowa.—Certainly a young woman of twenty-three should wear false teeth if she needs them, both on account of health and appearance. (1) I see no harm in wearing buds and blossoms at a dance. (2) You are rather young yet to "keep company" with a young man, whether he lives "fourteen miles to the north" or forty.

Four girls, Redfield, S. D.—The color of the hair

Four gfrls, Redfield, S. D.—The color of the hair is blond. I hope the cousins will stop sending me their hair to pass upon its color. They certainly ought to know that much, at least.

ought to know that much, at least.

Blue Bell, Fessenden, N. D.—Protestants and Catholics should not marry unless there is a perfect understanding and agreement on every point at issue, and the Protestant should talk to a priest first. When people love each other properly they should be willing to make sacrifices. Young men who treat you with indifference are to be avoided. It is vulgar to kiss gentlemen "occasionally" or otherwise.

Genie, Portland, Oregon.—A compact traveling toilet case, I think, would be a nice present for a traveling man. See answers above to "Serious" and "Blue Bell."

and Bule Bell."

Lulu, Lyon, Mon.—There is no set form for replying to congratulations or greetings or salutations of any kind. Say what you think is best. Do the same when the young man proposes to you. Goodness sakes, it seems to me you ought to know what to say to a man when he asks you to marry him.

Tomboy, Messer, Kas.—Tell the young man squarely that you do not care for his company. That ought to settle it. (2) The lady takes the

Lulu, San Diego, Cal.—Men who are too familiar should be avoided always. And you cannot be too rude to that kind.

Box 63, Manchester, Tenn.—I am sorry, but I cannot tell you where to find the piece of poetry you want. Write to the State Librarian, Nashville. B. P., Monroe, Me.-Better let that kind of firm

Viola, Baltimore, Md.—Take a broomstick to the young man.

Bertha, Howell, Neb.—You might go home from he party with your boy schoolmate, but do not take a practice of it. (2) See answer to "Lulu,"

Puss and Babe, Iowa Falls, Ia.—You are both foolish girls who ask me questions that you ought to ask your mothers.

Tiptoe, Pennock, Minn.—Give the young man a ring; an inexpensive seal ring is best. (2) The young man has no right to be cross with you, and an explanation, not an apology, is all that is necessary from you.

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Mischief, Bushnell, Ills.—It is better to write to two or more men friends than to one, in writing "friendship letters."

Hayseed, Day, Minn.—I suppose you might sit in a young man's lap in a buggy to make room for a third, an elderly person, but the young man should be very well known to you. (2, The lady should take the man's left arm, when possible, and the inside of the sidewalk.

side of the sidewalk.

Inquisitive, Palatka, Fla.—Ask the young man to write in your autograph album. (2) The man should ask for the correspondence. (3) There is nothing better to take away the tan and whiten the skin than pure lemon juice, diluted with a little rose water. Let it dry on the skin.

Rose Bud, Cordell, Okla.—Don't marry before you are twenty-one. (2) For freckles mix a half pint turpentine with seven grammes of pulverized camphor and add two grammes of oil of sweet almonds. Buttermilk is also a good remedy.

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Twilight, Goliad, Tex.—The bride's father pays the expenses of the wedding. (2) Ask a lawyer if it is not against the law to marry your cousin.

Ma Belle, Hoosier Town, Ind.—As you are twenty and the youth but seventeen. I think you should take a mother's part and advise him against marrying a girl older than he is. Anyway until he gets out of long dresses. There are a good deal worse forms of death than dying an old maid. (2) A young woman may object to smoking in her presence on principle if she wants to. If it will make the men stop smoking she ought to do it by all means. (3) Opinions so differ on wine drinking that a hostess must use her own judgment in offering it to guests. (4) Two people who are quick to take offense and stubborn save themselves a lot of trouble by not marrying.

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Linsdale, Carrollton, Ky.—Introduce people of the same name just as you do the other kind. (2) Of course, any lady should ask the man to call on her who has insulted her! Didn't you know that before?

before?

Belle, Manitowoc, Wis.—Always clip the ends of your hair at the first quarter of each new moon. Brush it carefully with a soft brush and the hand. Clean the scalp with yolk of an egg, rinsing the hair with hot water. Use as little grease of any tired expectible. kind as possible.

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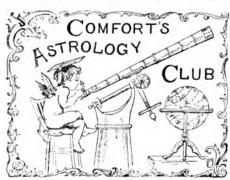
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Mars in the 11th near the square of Herschel and Mercury, in the 2nd house, give indications of some unusual excitement in Congress over financial questions, both such as affect the currency and those pertaining to national expenditures for purpose of war. The luminaries so closely applying to the malific Saturn indicate a less satisfactory condition of the labor elements of the nation than could be wished and it is apprehended that considerable privations will come to the general working classes as the result of strife or controversy with employers; and national legislation will be urged to help adjust differences between labor and capital. There will be considerable suffering or sickness during the winter season among the poorer classes by reason of strikes and controversies. The government will be much troubled with both internal and foreign cares and the chief executive of the country is cautioned to be watchful against personal harm and also of his health conditions.

Venus rules the figure and she is in the 2nd without affliction, and the national purse will be properly replenished and the financial credit of the government among nations will be excellent.

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DECEMBER. 1—Saturday. The day is peculiarly evil in most respects and prompts the postponement of very important beginnings; enter into no contract concerning houses or land; avoid thy landlord, and await a more fitting opportunity for thy dealings with aged or infirm persons; the afternoon may be better relied upon for furthering enterprises already in hand, when also deal with public officials and superintendents of large public works or officers of great corporations; artistic matters are more than usually favored.

2—Sunday. An excellent day for religious con-

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3.—Monday. Push business vigorously this day, particularly such as pertains to the mechanical and building trades; travel, deal in cattle and metals and with chemists, physicians, military men and cutters; make contracts concerning masonry, plumbing, excavating, mining and the production of building materials; but do not expect much progress in the elegant pursuits, nor pleasure from the social or musical engagements.

4-Tuesday. Baffling circumstances attend the prosecution of literary pursuits; do not expect much favor from thy dealing with printers or publishers: sign no contracts about houses or lands, mines, or agricultural undertakings.

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5-Wednesday. Avoid everything in the nature of a dispute or controversy on this day: keep the temper and be very deliberate and conservative rather than agressive in all thine affairs. The majority of persons claiming this as a birthday anniversary or who were born about the 8th of January, 3rd of March, 4th of June, 10th of July or 5th of September, of past years, are likely to be now in the midst of trying circumstances either in matters of health, business, or the social life; marriageable ladies so born, encounter at about this time many perplexities in matrimonial engagements and will be wise not to enter into any contract of such nature in these passing days; many of those so born who have already assumed the matrimonial yoke, are troubled seriously just now over the conditions, conduct, or the business affairs of their partners; males so born are cautioned against making any radical changes in their affairs or rupturing business associations; it will be much better for them to bear patiently the ills they have than to fly to others they know not of.

6-Thursday. Emphasizing the suggestion given

6-Thursday. Emphasizing the suggestion given for the preceding day, special caution is urged for this day against all manner of speculative ventures; do not purchase goods for trade nor make any beginning in any kind of commercial venture; beware of any project now presenting itself which offers promises of suddenly acquired wealth; don't purchase "gold bricks" or be otherwise deluded into parting with thy laboriously earned means.

7-Friday. Enter into no contract concerning real estate on this day; avoid thy landlord and postpone thy dealings with the aged.

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Seamings with the artists and musicians, workers in silk, jewelers, tailors dressmakers and milliners, though the day is not generally one that can be recommended for making beginnings in matters of magnitude or importance.

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9-Sunday. This day is quite propitious or the services appropriate; the early hours are the best and efforts of the clergy will meet more than ordinary approval and church contributions are likely to be liberal.

10-Monday. The first two-thirds of this day are the best, particularly for all classes of engagements with public officers or with executive officers of all large corporations; the afternoon is adverse to success in the elegant pursuits and does not promise much real enjoyment from the pursuit of pleasure or amusements.

ii-Tuesday. Bend all thine energies to business on this day; apply to persons high in office and to principals in large corporations for favor or advancement; make purchases for trade, open new stores, solicit financial advantages, and deal generally with persons of wealth and prominence.

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12-Wednesday. Give preference to the forenoon for important transactions as to houses and lands, mines, and for dealing with farmers and those trading in farm products; the afternoon is contentious and excitable and caution is prompted for avoidance of disputes and over-hastiness in the conduct of all thine affairs; have care during the latter hours of the day not to contract bad colds or run risks of poor health from neglect in clothing.

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13 Thursday. Use the middle hours of this day for pashing all business connected with the fine arts or that is concerned with furnishing amusement or gratification to mankind; do not make any purchases of goods for use or gain in the afternoon when thou with need to check inclinations for needless expenditures; losses are also more likely to come at this time to persons born about the 12th of March, 13th of June, or 14th of September, of past years.

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14-Friday. Urge business vigorously during the their part of this day; make contracts, pursue literary and scientific undertakings; deal with booksellers, dawrers, printers, and mathematicians, and give the generales diligently to any intellectual or educational enteroise. The time is quite a fortunate one for persons claiming it as a birthday anniversary or for those born about the 10th of February, 11th of April. 14th of August or 15th of October, of past years; for such persons are likely to note marked improvement in their circumstances and have improved condition of health; marri-

ageable ladies so are are favored in their matrimonial projects, many of them being earnestly sought for matrimonial mates, and many partaking in the fortunate developments in the affairs of male relatives upon whom they are dependent or in whom they are particularly interested.

15—Saturday. Consult and ask favors of aged persons; pursue antiquarian researches; engage in metaphysical studies and investigations and have dealings with government officials and with large corporate bodies or associations.

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16—Sunday. One of the best Sabbath days of the month, especially so for the good and prosperity of church matters and for religious and moral improvement. The most of the suggestions given for the special birthdays in the 14th paragraph are equally appropriate here.

-17—Monday. Begin thine exertions of this day with the dawn and urge all general business; the day is peculiarly fortunate for transactions concerning real estate also for dealings in agricultural products and implements, building materials, coal, or metal ores; have surgical operations performed, consult thy dentist; buy machinery, employ mechanics and deal in hardware, electrical goods and chemicals and with cutlers, tailors and all workers in metals or glass.

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18—Tacsday. Rather an indifferent day generally, giving but little promise of advantage or profit from undertakings now begun.

19—Wedneaday. The forenoon hours are the best ones in this day, particularly for all manner of transactions pertaining to the elegant or artistic in life; urge sales of articles of dress or adornment, furnishings or decorations; the late afternoon and evening have but little to recommend them and should be avoided for any important correspondence.

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20-Thursday. Let all persons practice patience and keep a civil tongue; be slow to take offence, avoid all controversy and be not careless with fire; matters of much importance are best deferred; the evil propensities of mankind are likely to be here unusually excited and the commission of evil deeds more readily prompted; forgers are more active and signatures are to be more carefully scrutinized.

21—Friday. Begin this day with the dawn for it is one of excellent promise; bright and prosperous are the conditions for the merchant and traveler; the morning hours being really the best for money dealings, the beginning of great and noble undertakings, for entering upon new business and for all classes of trade.

22—Saturday. Be in no haste to begin thy labors in the morning, but after nine o'clock in the morning give every energy to business; give preferences to the mechanical pursuits and all manufacturing enterprises; deal in cattle, metals, glassware, chemicals, machinery, drugs, combustibles, and firearms.

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23-Sunday. A day of no special promise, though the afternoon conduces to rashness, peevishness, and excitability, so observe caution as the day closes.

24-Monday. The elegant occupations are much favored on this day and the musicians, artists, and dramatists should improve the moments to their utmost; deal in fancy goods and articles that please and gratify, but have care not to over-step the grounds of prudence in expenditures as the day closes.

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25—Tuesday. Christmas Day. An excellent day. Were it other than a holiday it would be recommended for vigorous use in forwarding commercial ventures and promoting intellectual and literary undertakings.

26—Wednesday. Do not expect much progress in the elegant pursuits in the first part of this day, but give preferences to engagements in the world of literature; bargain with persons in the laborious undertakings in the afternoon.

27—Thursday. Restrain thy temper, avoid travel, and have unusual care in all thy transactions with the pen and in contract-making; beware of fraudulent representations; sign no deeds, employ no servants, nor expect any satisfactory results from applications made to public officers at this time.

28 Friday. The middle hours are the best ones in this day, but there is little encouragement that can be offered towards the making of any new beginning; have care in all thou doest and pursue routine matters only; the afternoon is peculiarly even for any transaction concerned with real estate.

29—Saturday. This day offers some improvement over the preceding but is not recommended for any new beginning in life.

30-Sunday. A specially fortunate day, inducing mental activity and promoting pulpit eloquence and the enjoyment of literary productions.

31-Monday. Be up betimes and push thine efforts for pecuniary advantage in nearly all affairs of magnitude; give preferences to matters concerned with manufactures and construction; deal in machinery and chemicals and with persons in the mechanical trades.

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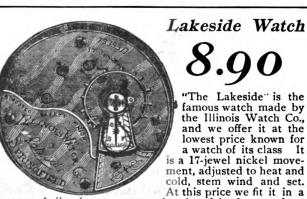
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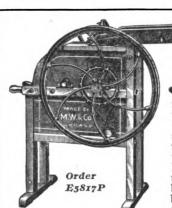


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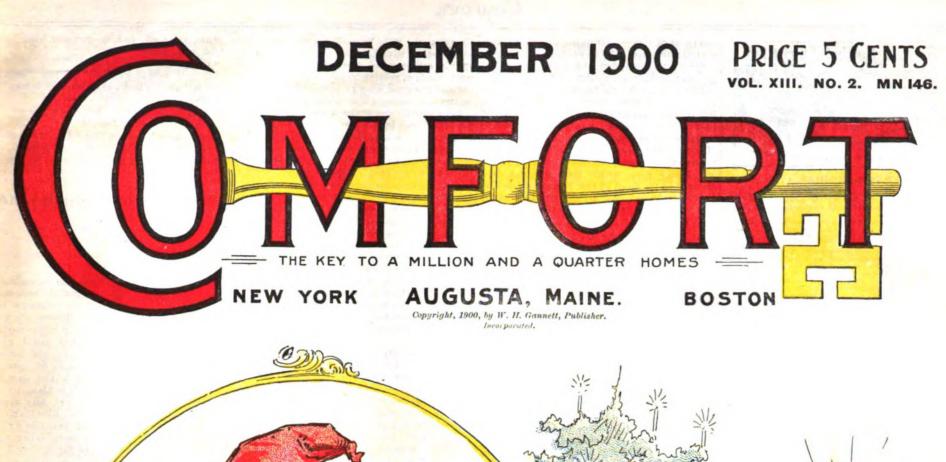
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LTHOUGH Jarkins believed himself born under a propitious star, and hence the luckiest man on earth, he had just proposed to the Major's charming daughter, and-angels and ministers of grace bear witness-he had been refused. It was this way.

Major Darth was a widower. After his wife's death, when the light of his life went out, the soldier took an aversion of society and left the genial circles of 'hill set" of Bombay for a mud bungalow in the heart of the Jeliwara district some forty miles up from Jeypour, where he

could be midway between two military stations in his command. The compound was a sightly eminence, as eminences go in that part of India, overlooking the valley of the Kinda-wadibeautiful country to look upon but death to travel through without an arsenal and a medicine-chest. When his daughter Margy achieved womanhood, the boarding-school of Sussex could no longer hold her; she bravely hied herself to the East to find out what sort of a man her sire was. That was three years before. Now she was a fair personage of twenty, much in love with India because her father loved it; and Jarkins was the globe-trotting American who had penetrated this wilderness to pay his compliments to the hermit militarian, of whom he had heard much, and also, without so intending, to promptly fall in love with his daughter; and great was the fall thereof.

her cheeks and buoyancy of her disposition since she had come to rule over six stupid native servants, two Danish mastifs and an Arabian pony. But the true Devon stamina was in her veins, and much responsibility and quinine gave her maiden features a sharpness and a charm that was at once commanding and poetic. At least Jarkins thought so as he watched her through long twilights on the verandah before the bungalow, when the Major talked of and to himself, while Jarkins talked at the Major and to Margy, the latter resigned to both. Under circumstances which such mutual dependence inflicts, it is usually not long before young people find themselves quite neces sary to each other.

So Jarkins had said the delicious word in the shade of the deodars, and Margy had sighed back a tremulous negative. She was not thinking of herself, but of her father whose mainstay and solace in declining years she now was, and her marriage meant everything to him. Jarkins did not catch this occultism of the faithful daughter, men in love being usually narrow, regarding heaven and earth from just | Jarkins stared at the scoundrel, then became

climax and that's the story.

There was some sort of a religious festival going on further up country, and every servant had begged an hour's leave of absence, for a Hindu can get very drunk in an hour in India if it is the right sort of a religious festival and the wrongest sort of palm-tody. At about three o'clock in the afternoon, just while the Major was absorbed with his reports, an orderly came to summon him over the hills; and it was Margy who, within three minutes, had brought to the front of the bungalow the Major's bay charger, and to the mystification of Jarkins, her own Arabian pony as well.

What was the matter? Could not Margy trust herself alone for an hour with Jarkins. man of honor, who had paid her the finest compliment that ever an honest man can pay to lovely woman? The lover, sensitized by fervency, saw almost an affront in this; but he was too wise to disclose it. Then as the Major, Margy and mounted orderly filed down the hill, Margy turned and called out, "Don't be alarmed, Mr. Jarkins. Remember the Danes!" it seemed like a satire on his loneliness. However, resignedly the globe-trotter stretched himself in the wicker steamer-chair and

In a very few moments, however, Jarkins felt conscious of a presence-a sort of telepathic conviction. Rising, he looked down the hill and saw emerging from the underbrush two of the most repulsive looking individuals that ever skinned lizards or knelt before clay idols. They were naked, save a clumsy breech-cloth, one with an empty sack over his bronzed shoulders, the other bearing a sort of Punjabi flute in his bony talons. Jarkins felt a queer stir of repulsion within him, but knowing that he was armed and seeing that they were not, he waited till he saw the yellow of their ambushed orbs, then shouted, "Well, what do you want!" Both men dropped in worshipful o' eisance as

before a shrine. "Oh, powerful Sahib!" invoked the taller, "we are snake-catchers. We would serve you."

But the host made a forbidding gesture. "All stocked up," he said, remembering the contents of the Major's demijohn. "Come back tomorrow."

"But the great stranger Sahib has never beheld such a miracle," pursued the intruder, gathering closer. "See, O Sahib! With only pipe and stick we can go to yonder sandhill in plain sight and bring you back fifty cobras in fifteen minutes. The great Sahib shall time us. Oh, a most beautiful spectacle, sair! Fifty cobras in fifteen minutes, and only one rupee one!-for the miracle. Shall we go, Sahib?"

Now, being an American, Jarkins was even on the lookout for a new sensation, particularly if it implied some sportive stress. Besides was not one rupee cheap for good riddance? He held up a coin, then said, "All ready, you rascals. Now, go!"

As if pursued by a thousand ghosts of Siva the Destroyer, the swarthy pair turned and sped down the hill abreast, crossing the arid patch, leaping the stream, lost for a moment in a dense bamboo copse and emerging at the foot of a sand declivity dotted with ant-hills. Now in India the ant-hill is a wonderful structure. It rises out of the earth like a clay smokestack. as if there might be a community of dug-out people underneath. Over the mouth of the first of these curious cones the man with the sack drew the receptacle, then began singing in a weird minor and tapping the ant-hill with his staff, while the other fakir accompanied him on the pipe. Soon the sack was seen to suffer some inner agitation, for several five-foot lengths of cobra had come forth from their hiding and fallen to the bottom of the hempen trap. On to another hill the snake-catchers ran, repeated the weird incantations which reverberated over the wilderness; then after visiting about twenty of these hills, started on a dead run for the bungalow.

"Jove!" mused Jarkins. "That's a clever trick, I'll double the wage." And he did.

The bag appeared to be about half full, and from the riot within it was plain that the prisoners were mad all through. Pantingly the ferred her patient to the bungalow. nen approached, but Jarkins shudderingly Fair Margy had lost some of the pippin of flipped the coins far out towards them. "It's all right," he said. "I'm entirely satisfied. Take 'em away again."

"But the cobras are yours. O glorious Sahib!" said the spokesman, still advancing. "We are going to let them loose right here to count them before your eyes so that you see that we speak true talk and do not lie like the accursed varmin-eaters down the valley. Sair, you have paid us each one rupee to see the miracle. That shows that the Sahib is a great prince in his country and pays liberally for his pleasures. Now, it is a long way back, sair, and we are tired unto death itself. But we will be generous to the stranger Sahib. We will take the cobras back again for twenty rupees. If not, we will let them all loose right here."

Jarkins arose, his face coloring with anger. You let those cobras loose here," he shot back, "and I'll put a bullet through each of you. Understand?"

"But bullets, sair, may miss us while fifty mad cobras, Sahib, will make you dance like the fool Mohammedans at a Rhamadan feast. Make it fifteen rupees, Sahib!"

one point of view-their own. But there came illuminated. "The Danes!" he muttered. "I'll take Margy's advice. Wait till I get the monev!" he calls out and disappeared through the open window, passing to the rear where he unchained the great mastifs, seizing them by the collars and leading them stealthily forward.

But suddenly one of the dogs sniffed significantly, gave a long rolling bay, and away he tore, leaving Jarkins sprawling on the veranda. Now Hindu coolies and Danes do not affiliate. the one by religion and nature a dog-hater and the other by training a cooley-baiter. With a terrific cry both men turned and started down the hill, the pair clinging to the bag of cobras which immediately split and began to spill out five-foot lengths of vicious contortion that kept the pursuing bounds very busy dodging them. By the time the men reached the foot of the hill there was a perfect forest of these writhing, rioting beasts with glaring eyes and distended hoods, whirling along almost on their very tail-tips, striking at everything within reach with gleaming fangs, and just at that instant, unconscious of all harm, around the edge of the bamboo-copse came Margy on her Arabian pony at full gallop, suddenly finding herself right in the shocking thick of this belligerent army, her mount leaping and rearing, the girl's face perfectly colorless with sudden terror.

Jarkins gave a wild shout, dashed back into the bungalow, snatched the Major's sword from the scabbard, then emerged. In the meantime Margy had been thrown from her pony, which had gone tearing down the valley, and fainting, lay quite motionless on the chinawhite clay, these frenzied reptiles keeping up their hideous orgy all about her. Insane with apprehension lest she had been or might be bitten before rescued, Jarkins dashed forward in the very face of death, and naturally the infuriated cobras made for him. Indolent as was the bluse globe-trotter by nature, Jarkins had enjoyed a college athletic training which might be now the saving of two lives. With splendid nerve he advanced, the razoredged sword flashing in the declining sun, then began his slashings right and left as a man swishes off the heads of ripe grain with his cane, parrying, lunging, cutting his way to the still side of Margy who came to just in time to see the final vanquishing.

Jarkins threw aside his dripping sword, then almost benumbed with terror, reached down and lifted the frail form in his arms, calling out, "Oh, Margy, Margy! Have you been hit? Were you bitten?"

"No!" returned the other faintly, "but"and here she gazed into his face with an inscrutable look, "but you were!"

"What?" Jarkins felt a sudden sickness come over him.

"I know it-the whites of your eyes are going drab. Down-quick. Where is it?"

"I don't know-I think just above the ankle." The man had dropped like a log, the brave girl tearing off his shoe and stocking, disclosing a bluish patch dotted with four deadly points of crimson.

"Your handkerchief, quick! Bind below the knee!" She seized a small stick and made a sort of turnkey of it; then leaping up, she seized the sword and prodded the trunkless head of the largest cobra in sight. Bending down, without any of that repulsion which characterizes the creature of northern climes, the girl deftly split open the head of the cobra, laying bare a round porous bone which slipped out easily into her palm. "It is a native trick," she said. "You know, every cobra carries his antidote just above and back of the eyes. Don't know whether it will work on a white man, but-" She laid the curious bit of whiteness to the wound and saw with a species of triumph that it instantly clung there like a "Hold it tight!" she added, then leaping up she dashed up to the bungalow, returning at full speed with a goblet quite brimming with brandy. "Drink-quick-all of it!" she gasped. Five minutes later Jarkins lapsed into unconsciousness, and with the help of the native servants, now returning from the festival and none too fit for service, Margy trans-

It was almost dark before Jarkins ca of his trance, with a fevering thirst and a mortal wonder whether he was dead or alive. "Oh, you are all right now," Margy, his nurse, interrupted his delirious queries. "I knew you were safe the moment I saw the bone cling to the wound and suck it dry. Besides, it could not have been more than a scratch. Tell me all about it. Where were those jackal-faced pagans? You see, I was dazed when I rounded the bamboos and found myself in the very jaws

The globe-trotter raised his eves. "Brave little Margy!" he exclaimed gratefully. "But first tell me why you went away. Were you afraid to be alone with me for an hour—you who proved so fearless in a terrible crisis?"

"I-afraid of you?" A ringing little laugh dispelled the illusion. "I went with fatherto-well, to ask him about-what you asked me the other day."

Jarkins caught the tender glance and it stung him to repentance. "Oh, Margy, Margy!" he cried. "Really, your refusal was because you thought of your good father first and of yourself afterward?"

"And you spoke to him-you told him he oved you, dear?"

"Yes." came the whisper.

"Bravest, best of women!" moaned Jark: But tell me, for God's sake, Margy, what the Major say?"

Margy bent low. "He said-he said-"Good evening, my dears!"

It was the voice of the Major that interr ed, advancing from the veranda with clank spur and a look of quiet triumph upon calm countenance.

THE GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY R. B. HILL.

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T was the morning the 23rd of Decemband the pleasant no in the Governor's vo was even more notic able than usual as: spoke to his prive secretary, in passue through the oute office into his sanct. "If I'm any reads

of His Excellenc; facial barometer will make more that one heart happy before the day is over,"

marked the secretary; "and, in spite of opposition that's being brought to bear, I be surprised if Jeter's not among the pardon-Poor devil! there seems to be no doubt of a guilt, but the evidence is entirely circun stantial, and I have never known the Govern to allow a man to be hanged when such was the case; and he is not the man to permit himto be influenced, politically or otherwise, contrary to his convictions."

Let us take a look at the subject of these marks as he seats himself at his desk and read his morning's mail. He is a man well worth looking at. "A large man in every respect, someone had once said of him, and he echoed the general opinion. His hair is iron gray, but he is as erect and vigorous as he was twent years ago. In outline and features his face not handsome, perhaps, according to the usua acceptation of that word; but it is better than handsome. Dominating the lines of su

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enoted, but the battle had gone against them. He glanced through a number of letters vithout a change of expression, then as he laid ne down a smile played about his mouth. Acting upon our privilege we will read it:

DEAR GOVERNOR.

Being unable at this time to see you in person, I send you a few lines instead, which, as a riend, I hope you will heed. In my travels bout the State I find the opinion prevailing hat you intend to include in your usual batch of Christmas pardons, young Jeter. Now, I m reliably informed—by such men as Kingsson, Buzbee, Connolly and Frazier—that if you lo this you will sign your own death-warrant, politically, not only for re-election as Governor, but for the United States Senate later. Public sentiment is in favor of the execution of the sentence in Jeter's case; and no man with political aspirations can afford to disregard the wishes of a majority of his constituents—right or wrong. But from a moral standpoint, 'Vox populi, vox Dei' you know. With best wishes, I am,

Yours for victory,

L. C. A." DEAR GOVERNOR.

Having gone through the mail, the Governor called his secretary and gave him dictation. Then, while waiting for the letters he drew up several pardons, among them Jeter's. He had just finished when the Secretary came in.

"The 11.00 o'clock mail, sir," he said, placing some letters on the desk.

"All right, Martin," replied the Governor, drawing them toward him. One, marked "Personal," which the secretary had not opened, he read last. As he proceeded his brow darkened and his lips were compressed. Finally he rose and strode quickly back and forth. Pausing at last he re-read the letter; then stepped to the desk, picked up Jeter's pardon and tearing it in pieces threw it into the waste-basket. At this moment the secretary entered, note-book in hand.

"I can't make this word out, sir. Please As his eyes rested on the Governor's face the words died on his lips. He had never seen such an expression there before, and the voice and manner were equally strange as, with a wave of his hand toward the door, the Governor said:

"When I want you, Mr. Martin, I will call you."

"Bless my soul! what has happened?" gasped the secretary as, closing the door hastily behind him, he dropped into a chair.

Let us see what it was that had so disturbed this usually even-tempered man. This was what he read:

"MY DEAR 'JED':

It is altogether unnecessary for me to tell you at this late day of my love and admiration for you. Since the days when we were little lads together, when you fought my battles for me, your interests, your joys and your sorrows have been mine. They were so in the old days, they are so still; and it is because of this that I write you. Few, if any, remember all the persecutions, great and petty, which were heaped upon you, which at last drove you from your native State and would have followed you if it had been possible—persecutions rendered possible even in our land by the power which money affords the unscrupulous and cruel. Listen, while I refresh your memory—though if it requires refreshing you are more or less than human. Do you remember a poor boy who years ago lost a prize at school, it being awarded by favor to the son of a man of wealth? Do you recall how, a few years later, this same It is altogether unnecessary for me to tell years ago lost a prize at school, it being awarded by favor to the son of a man of wealth? Do you recall how, a few years later, this same boy, grown to young manhood, lost a much-coveted government appointment because of the counter-influence of this rich man? Later still, do you remember how hard he fought it even to gain admission to the bar because of this man's opposition? And yet later, do you remember how those two, father and son, who had caused you to be defrauded of the little prize at school, contrived to wrest from you the prize of your life, the woman you loved and who loved you? (As I said at the time, and subsequent events proved, not so much because the son loved her as because they both hated you.) They hated you with a deadly hatred, because they had injured you without cause, and swore to drive you into the penitentiary, the poorhouse, or the grave. The father, you know, is dead, but the son lives. You know how, after a few years, he drove his wife, by his brutal treatment of her, into a convent, but perhaps you have not heard that some time since he drove her son their only child from perhaps you have not heard that some time since he drove her son, their only child, from home. If the patient, gentle woman was una-ble to endure his cruel treatment, how much less the young man, who is a chip of the old and older blocks.

and older blocks.

"Now, do you remember the unfinished oath you swore, through white lips, on the day when, a crushed and broken man, you turned your back upon all that earth held dear—'A day of reckoning will come, and then!'—It has come! It is within your power to pay a portion of this heavy reckoning! It will not be revenge, but retribution. You have in your hands a murderer convicted under the name of Thomas Jeter. His real name is William Belden, Jr. He has been convicted and I believe it was a just verdict, for he is his father's son; he is an Ishmaelite. This is the only debt I believe you have never paid. I appeal now to the chum of my boyhood who, as vanquished, never was known to yield; not to him whose the chum of my boyhood who, as vanquished, never was known to yield; not to him whose eyes, as victor, I have seen fill with tears at the cry for mercy. In justice to the public and to yourself, allow the law to take its course.

Faithfully yours, Tony."

In the afternoon mail was a small package for the Governor also marked "personal." As he removed the last wrapper there looked into his eyes the pictured eyes of a woman. The face portrayed there was one of rare loveliness, and as he gazed he caught his breath with a half sob. Once he made a movement as though to press it to his lips, but restrained himself, and placing it tenderly upon the desk took up and read the lines which accompanied it:

"For My Friend (the Governor):
"When we parted, you returned the en-closed picture to me and said, 'If I can ever

serve you in any way, were it to the laying down of my life, let me know, and if it is in my power it shall be done. The occasion has been long in presenting itself, but it has come at last. Lest you should have forgotten, not only the promise but she to whom it was made, I send the miniature as a reminder. Unless the nature I knew has been sadly warped, you will harken to my plea. Spare the prisoner called Thomas Jeter, convicted of murder! He is my son, my only child! I remember him as a little prattler. They tell me his guilt has not been conclusively proven; I believe him innocent. He has had much to make him bad, but I do not believe he is as bad as this. Do not think to strike the father through the son (if such a thing were possible with you) for bethink to strike the father through the son (II such a thing were possible with you) for believe me you would be the greater sufferer. Revenge is sweet to ignoble, not to noble natures. As a Sister I am dead to the world; as a mother my heart bleeds, and so I sign myself, 'A MOTHER'."

Again as in the morning the Governor paced back and forth in great agitation. "I could forgive the brute his treatment of me," he muttered, "but his abuse to her! O, it is hard! hard! to ask this of me! I am only an ordinary mortal man! I would rejoice to know he suffered one-tenth the agony he has brought upon others."

He sank into a chair, dropped his arms and his frame shook. When at last he lifted his face the hard look which had been there since morning was gone.

Martin noticed this with a feeling of relief when he came in some minutes later and was handed Jeter's pardon, with instructions to attend to it at once.

"And I must beg your pardon for speaking to you as I did this morning, Martin," he added. I was greatly worried and forgot myself."

He put his overcoat and hat on and went out into the dusk. As he passed a church childish voices, practicing their Christmas music, floated out to him, singing, "Peace on earth, good will toward men", and the Governor prayed for the heart of a little child.

Late the following night, as the Governor sat with the miniature in his hand and a far-away look in his eyes, there came a knock at his door. He opened it to receive a summons to the bedside of a man who had been fatally wounded in a Christmas Eve brawl. The fellow, well known in police circles, had expressed a wish to see the Governor (who had once pardoned him) as being "The d-dest best man I ever come across!" Before dying he confessed, among subsequent investigation proved the truth of his statement.

As we have taken the liberty of reading letters received by the Governor, we will now read the concluding sentence of a letter which he wrote the day after Christmas: "It has been the happiest Christmas I have known since you told me so long ago (was it in another life?) that you loved me."

THE THROW OF A ROPE.

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HUCK time at the Conry ranch is always a season of rare recreation to the saddle-sore traveler, not only for the well appointed board but also the evening smoke talk on the ranch house verandah, over which Conry, who has the name in the Madison Valley of breeding the finest road horses shipped east, presides something after the fashion of old King Arthur over his Round Table. Horns and hoofs make the theme of the talk and no occasion has yet lacked a pointed story from the veteran stockman's wild life of hill and plain.

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"Like an old han' that last," declared the old man, and then turning to his audience he said: "I laughed at Bob Ford when he begun throwing a rope and I haven't got over that jolt yet.'

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hinted by the Mexican foreman, Romero, no a Spanish beauty for whom Conry had risked word of it had come from "the old man."

"Bob was crazy over that game," began Conry, "but he made a pretty onery mess of it. I laughed at him till I went clean off my feed seeing him try to handle a rope. After the first off he didn't perform where I could coral him, for he didn't like to be driv', and I figured he'd quit, but right there, boys, I'd clean missed the trail.

"It was old man Romero's work. Been laughing in his sleeve for some time I cal'ate. He likes to get a cinch on me and then stan' off and see how I take it. But I've had that old greaser a kickin' and a squealin' like a green cayuse so I cal'ate I don't owe him anythin'.

"Romero took a liking to Bob more particularly after I got to cussing him fer a tenderfoot. I seed he was gritty an' liked him. He warnt halter broke, that's all. He could ride had a pony cut up bad by one of them once, like a Injun horse thief and learned to ride in and say boys, if a smart little cow pony can't a herd like an old han'. Liked his business? Bob took just as much fun cutting out a 'maverick' as he did picking at a mandolin he had and singing greaser songs to it. I seed there wasn't anythin' the boys wouldn't do for Bob, but old man Romero I cal'ate was showing him tricks about a rope that I didn't see.

"Romero can throw a rope just about as close as he can shoot and he wins all his baccy and spirits beating the boys shooting through knotholes in rail fences. Furthermore he can break horses better than any man I ever seed: and that's from the Rio Grande to Oregon: but what I didn't know was that he could break tenderfoots.

"Well that's what he did for Bob Ford, as near as I can figure, and the next summer when I took Sally and her mammy pleasuring to the Park', a little incident occurred where I had to own to Bob, if ever a man did, that he had me in a ditch fer fair."

Sally was a queen of the hill country. She was a fine, strong tomboy of a girl the summer asked, p'inting. Conry mentioned, and ruled unrelentingly all in her domain. She not only rode as well as many of her minions, the cowboys, but was a dead shot and when on roping bent no colt or while the story that was now brewing had been calf was free to go its way. Sally's mother was

his life in a duel, but Conry often declared "Sally out-p'inted her mother."

Sally had tried her rope on Bob Ford once for fun to the end of almost choking him, but he had laughed and had been overheard to say to her deferentially, that it was no use roping him again for she had done that the very first day he saw her. For many days after Bob had been ignored by the annoyed queen, but as the owners of the glowing cigar ends knew that Bob Ford had gone along with the party to the Yellowstone Park, it was of course unnecessary to tell them all this now.

"You know those scrawny, wild eyed old cows," continued Conry, "all bunches and bones and gettin' poor watching fer a chance to do you dirty? You just put the blame of nine out of ten stampedes to them fer the're vicious. I get away from danger, what chance would you have on foot? I cal'ate you fare better in the loving embrace of a 'roach back' grizzly.

"To say the least, the disposition of this particular element of a herd ain't much to brag of, and up on the Ruby, which is a pretty rough country and poor as dirt can be they are about to the limit. You see they starve all winter; the're just gettin' on in the spring when the sun dries up the feed and they begin to starve again. That don't put beef on them and it puts blood in their eyes, especially the old cows with weaning calves.

"It was with one of these wild-eyed critters, when we were hitting the trail over the Rubies, that my gal Sally got into a tangle, and it was Bob Ford who proceeded to do the necessary untangling in a way that almost gave me the blind staggers.

"When we started I noticed Bob wore his rope on the horn of his saddle.

"What are you going to do with that," I

"Mend harness I cal'ate," he said grinning. "Well, the occasion came quick enough when he showed me what he could do with it.

"It was coming right on the stock range, up between the sage and the timber, and I left



Sally to follow pretty far out while I give my pony the rowells for to hold up the wagon which I seed had just forded a creek. I didn't like to leave her, yet she was well mounted on Ben and I seed no harm. But when Bob yelled to me while we were hobbling the horses fer the night, 'Ben's struck a badger hole out there and Sally's off,' I seed danger. There's danger out of the saddle when there ain't any in it, especially among cattle. Sally was too good a rider to be throwed. So I knew Ben was done for.

"Bob was in his saddle and yelling. His little roan was kicking territory from under him and my little mare was doing her best to dispose of an equal amount. When I got the lay of the prices: land my hair riz under my hat. Black feet and cut throats on the northern trail were just men but this was one of those scrawny wild eyed old cows a chargin' down on Sally.

"She saw her danger, gave one scream that cut me like a knife, and ran. Bob and I aimed at getting between and heading the cussed thing off.

"That was a hard run; the hardest in my life and Bob's too I cal'ate, and when we got to close quarters I seed we warn't going to make it. One minute I thought Bob had a chance but the next I seed him miss headin' off and swing his pony in for the long chase. I came behind cussing my luck for leaving my gun at the wagon and cutting up my pony bad.

"It was just a few minutes boys, but it seemed like an hour of hell. There was Sally running like a colt and that she devil plunging after doing her most to kill her. There was Bob close to his pony's neck and the pony racing like mad. Bob was pulling the beast down all right but pretty soon Sally begun staggering. Bob was cool. There was something in the way he rode that showed he hadn't given up

"Then just as I expected to see Sally mangled and bleedin' I seed Bob reach for his rope and fix it fer a throw. Well I went clean sick at that chance, but I didn't have a very long spell, fer I seed Bob swing cool and steady, leaning forward and urgin' on his pony. Then he forward and urgin' on his pony. Then he made his throw and at the same time Sally fell. I just friz in my saddle. I heard the whistle and seed coil after coil straighten out till only the last loop and noose was left. Then I knew Bob's throw was true. That last loop and noose dropped like a snake, and none too soon, clean and square over the two horns and whipped up taut. Bob's pony bunched all right and when the tug came that bloody wild-cow was ripped up on her hind legs and sent rolling on her back with a twist and a bang that would have killed good stock.

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"Sally was cryin' and pretty weak when I got her to camp but her mammy said she would come round in a spell, so I struck back to where Bob was having the prettiest fight with a rope that I've seed in some time. Hooves and seshro were rettling for a spell like dige shaken in a that I've seed in some time. Hooves and seshro were rattling for a spell like dice shaken in a dice box. I watched long enough to feel pretty sick over the way I'd laughed at him about throwing a rope, and then I took a hand. I had my gun along that time and the proceedings were short and to the p'int.

"'What did you do that fer?' asked Bob disapp'inted like.

app'inted like. "'Becuz' says I, 'It's the only thing you can't do with that rope of yours.'
"Bob flushed up at that and begun on a

Bob says to-day it was great luck, but I've seed him make as good throws since and every time if old man Romero was there he'd sort of grin and look my way. I cal'ate the old greaser tried to get a cinch on me—well boys I cal-'ate he did."

Once launched, Conry could not forbear telling the sequel of the little episode which had so narrowly missed being a tragedy. Sally could not tell how thankful she was to the could not tell how thankful she was to the man who saved her life by the miraculous throw of a rope. Bob repeated that he had been roped hard and fast the very first day he had seen 'Miss Sally,' and that was the secret of it all. Ropes got to whistling so in this sort of repartee, Conry says, "that it wasn't long before the coils got snarled and the two young people had to come to him with it. But it warn't no tangle at all" concluded the old stockman, his bronze face wrinkling in a smile. stockman, his bronze face wrinkling in a smile, "just a true lovers knot, and say boys, that's tougher than a diamond hitch any day. So I simply let it alone.

THE TABLES TURNED.

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NYTHING needed down town this morning, Ethel."

The question was merely perfunctory and Mrs. Clyde knew it. In the early days of their married life she had thought differently and sometimes asked her husband to bring home articles she needed. All that had passed, however, but still the question which pleasantly followed the parting kiss continued. This morning a revolutionary spirit fired her soul for a moment. She replied

with seeming negligence: "Yes-no-not exactly, but I would like five

"Five dollars! May I ask what you want to lo with five dollars?"

"Oh, lots of things," she answered, negligently.

"Ethel, did you know that money is very hard just now?"

"I suppose it must be."

"I am sure I have not wasted five dollars in as many years," he said.

"I simply need it, Robert. I am wearing my best shoes when a pair of house slippers would save them. I want-well, here is a list of things that are absolutely essential," and she handed her husband a slip of paper on which were noted the following articles, with probable

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"I thought you said five dollars."
"I did. I could get along with that."
"Could you not get along without all except

the slippers, for instance?"
"Possibly." Mrs. Clyde's voice was congealing, still her

husband ventured on another question.
"Why has not this demand occurred before?"
"Simply because I have earned the money for such things myself, hitherto, but Dr. Alston tells me that making button-holes is bad for me and advises me to give it up." As a look of concern overspread her husband's countenance she hastened to say, "It is nothing serious,

"But why did you do this unnecessary work, Ethel? I did not know it."
"I hated to ask you for money. Before I was married I had a stated salary as teacher. It was hard to return to the position of a dependent—to ask for money and have it doled out to me as if I were a child."
"Well don't feel the trans. Ethel. I don't

me as if I were a child."

"Well, don't feel that way, Ethel. I don't like to have you. All that I have is yours you know. 'With all my worldly goods I thee endow,' he quoted softly, bending over his wife and kissing her with new tenderness. Then straightening up and drawing on his gloves he was about to depart when he said:

"Oh, I forgot," and taking from his vest pocket a couple of bills laid them before his wife. "There are three dollars, Ethel. Try to make that do."

"Thank you." she said, pleasantly, but the

"Thank you," she said, pleasantly, but the look that followed Mr. Clyde from the room was "composed of many conflicting emotions,"

as the novelists say.

The Clydes were not poor; far from it. Mr.
Clyde was of the firm of Dean & Clyde, which Clyde was of the firm of Dean & Clyde, which was regarded as doing a particularly flourishing business, and this was the case. The junior partner was level headed and enterprising, Mrs. Clyde prudent and careful. Both liked to dress well and they agreed in their taste for social life. They had no children, their house was prettily furnished; they kept one servant. But how these tastes and essentials taxed the wits of Mrs. Clyde to maintain few realized, least of all her husband. least of all her husband.

"Probably he thinks my bonnets, boots and gloves grow like bushes, or toads," thought she a little bitterly, as she walked into town that afternoon instead of taking a car, although it was fully a mile and she was feeling far from

As she had but three dollars she was perforce compelled to do without some of the articles she had called essentials. The cambric was for sleeve linings to an old dress she was herself remodeling. That she must have. She must have the slippers or soon her boots would not be fit for church and calling purposes. She could do without the lace and the ribbon, but these things would lighten up her old costumes so much! Relinquishing them with a sigh she banished fifty cents from her third item of postage and stationery, and the slaughter was complete one hour's time she returned home with

In one hour's time she returned home with empty purse and sinking stomach—for she was both tired and hungry—just as Mr. Clyde appeared from the opposite direction. Mrs. Clyde had seen him step from the car and they went into the house together. Tea was ready and they sat down to the table immediately.

"Well, Ethel," said Mr. Clyde, pleasantly, unfolding his napkin, "you went down street this afternoon, I see."

"Yes," she answered, a little ungraciously it must be admitted. Mr. Clyde did not notice:

must be admitted. Mr. Clyde did not notice; he rushed blindly to his fate.
"Spent all your money, I'll be bound," he

said jokingly.

"I did."
"Ethel, are you sick?" he asked, anxiously.
"You look quite flushed. I am afraid you tired yourself. Why did you not take a car home?"
"Simply because I had no money."
"No money, and I gave you—" Mr. Clyde stopped suddenly, barred by the possible inadequacy of the sum he had given her.
"Yes three dollars. I hought shoes combrid."

"Yes, three dollars. I bought shoes, cambric and fifty cents worth of stationery. Result, nothing left for car fare or lunch, though I was simply famishing. So you must excuse me if I am a little cross, Robert."

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Mr. Clyde looked thoughtful while his wife took fitful bites of bread and butter. He saw that she was out of temper and he thought it exceedingly unpleasant that Ethel must take the tea table as the place of exhibit. "Why didn't you call at the store for more money?" he asked at length. "Because I would not humble myself the second.

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"Because I would not humble myself the second time."

"Ethel is it humbling yourself to ask for what is yours as much as mine? I should think it a simple matter to ask you for money."

"Suppose you try it awhile."

The words came clear and incisive, and struck Mr. Clyde as distinctly unpleasant. Still he answered calmly,

"It would be impossible, Ethel. I could not do business."

"Yes you could," she said, eagerly. "You need only come to me for your personal expenses. Just try it for one week and see how you like it."

"I should like it first rate, I know."

cigars and leave a dollar for extras."
"Very well." Mr. Clyde bit his li "Very well." Mr. Clyde bit his lips tightly, took the bills, while he mentally concluded to let the cigars remain unpaid for until the following week. But he did not, for at second thought the plan appeared to be dishonorable, so he paid out two dollars of the three and remained the capitalist of one hundred cents, turning them over in his mind many times on

turning them over in his mind many times on his way to the office in his endeavors to make them last as long as possible. "Where away?" called a gay voice at his el-bow. "Those meditations must mean some sort of an upheaval in the firm of Dean &

Cly le."

"Not at all," replied Mr. Clyde, with some embarrassment of manner at considering what they did mean. "When did you arrive?"

"Just down for the day." Mr. Lee lived in the neighboring city.

"Will you lunch with me at Graham's?" was on the tip of his tongue, but he did not speak the words; instead he said, hesitatingly, "Well, hope I shall run across you again," and hurried away.

"Wonder what ails Clyde. Perhaps I hit the right nail on the head with my blundering pleasantry," thought Mr. Lee. "I wonder if Dean and Clyde are sound."

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Mr. Clyde went on to the office and forgot his troubles until night. He bought a daily paper, paid his tailor for mending a three-cornered tear in his coat, bought some extra fine peaches on his way home and entered the door with only three cents in his pocket.
"Well, I will ask for some more in the morn-

ing," he thought, but when morning came he could not make up his mind to do so and accordingly went to the office without money.

This day was a series of mortifying incidents from putting his hand into his pocket to pay the bootblack and finding nothing, to asking credit of Graham for a cup of coffee at midday, a serious headache having resulted from these vexing questions of finance. At six o'clock he vexing questions of finance. At six o'clock he encountered his most intimate friend, Arthur Cross, almost at his very door.

"You were coming to dinner and to spend the night with us?" asked Mr. Clyde, heartily.

"I really had not got as far as that."

"Well, you are here and Ethel and I will see that you go no far her to-night."

you go no farther to-night." Willing to be entreated and not noticing the equivocal sentence, Mr. Cross entered the house

and was cordially greeted by Mrs. Clyde.

After dinner the friends chatted and smoked together until Mr. Clyde proposed that they go

"Will you go with us, Ethel?" he asked, after his friend had acceded to the proposal.

"Thank you," she returned, pleasantly, "but I do not feel quite well and besides I have a letter to write; but I hope you and Mr. Cross will enjoy yourselves." Then she arose to leave the room, seemingly unconscious of her husband's efforts to catch her attention, that he might efforts to catch her attention that he might

efforts to catch her attention that he might mentally telegraph a request for money. "Ethel," he said at last, despairing, "please hand me a ten, won't you? Wife carries the pocket-book, you see," to his friend with a ghastly effort at pleasantry. "So I see," returned Mr. Cross, with equal effort and similar result.

"Ten?" asked Mrs. Clyde, crisply. "Surely you will not need a quarter of that." Handing her husband a couple of bills which she took

you will not need a quarter of that." Handing her husband a couple of bills which she took from a pocket-book mysteriously appearing from the back folds of her pretty house dress, Mrs. Clyde disappeared up the stairway to her own room, leaving Mr. Cross staring at his friend, who bit his lips in vexation but said nothing.

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Good heavens! was this what marriage brought a man to? Mr. Cross had always thought of his friend as particularly fortunate. He was thinking of marrying himself, but now single blessedness looked particularly alluring.

"Never be such a donkey as I am, Cross," said Mr. Clyde, suddenly.

"How? What?" asked Mr. Cross, flushing guiltiv.

guiltily. "If you get married treat your wife like a reasonable human being."
"I don't understand, I am afraid, Clyde. Is

it the result of your efforts in this line that I just witnessed? I am afraid I sha'n't go to my wife for money and let her dole it out to me, if that's what you mean."
"You will proceed on the old plan, dole it

out to her, hey "I suppose I shall supply my wife with mon-

ey, yes."
"Don't you do it. It is enough to kill love,

"Don't you do it. It is enough to kill love, domestic peace, everything," burst forth Mr. Clyde, energetically.
"I can't see that your plan tends to clear the marital atmosphere," dryly. "My father gave mother money for her needs. My brother does the same, and this is the way of my friends generally."

"If women were not angels of patience and forbearance they would have revolted long

ago."
"O, come now, isn't that a little strong?"
"Not half strong enough," blurted forth his

Mr. Cross pulled down his hat and shrugged his shoulders, irritably. Evidently his friend had mounted a hobby and was riding it to the death. "Most there, are we?" he asked as if he had forgotten the subject of conversation

tion.

"I've tried it and I know," went on Mr. Clyde, unheeding the question. "It's what is killing so many women, this asking, begging, for money and having it doled out to them. People may call it nervousness, decline, prostration, overwork, what they will, but I know it is having to ask for money. I have had three days of it and I can feel the white hairs sprouting," and Mr. Clyde indulged in a hearty laugh at his own absurdity which cleared the mental atmosphere wonderfully.

"Oh, it is an experiment, is it?"

"Yes."
"Well, I am greatly relieved to know it. I feared you might be suffering from deterioration of the gray matter of the brain."
"But why is it worse for me than for Ethel,

"But why is it worse for me than for Ethei, that's what I want to know. I've tried the plan three days and if I knew it was to last I should be tempted to drown myself."

"I fancy Mrs. Clyde overdoes the matter."

"No she doesn't. I've made it a rule never to give her as much money as she asked for and the require a wird account of how she spent." to require a rigid account of how she spent it. She is as proud as you or I and she has made buttonholes for a coat manufacturer rather than ask me for all she needed. That "I should like it first rate, I know."

"Will you try it?"

"Yes, if you wish. Here is the pocket book," handing his wife the well-filled article to which he alluded. "Oh, I will take a five first."

"For what?" crisply inquired Mrs. Clyde.

"Well, I owe two dollars for cigars and I thought I might need the rest."

"Doubtless. I have not wasted five dollars in as many years, Robert. Here are three dollars. Try to make that do. It will pay for the

perfection is one that rivets these chains our women wear. In Europe wives have thermarriage settlements and they are independent

marriage settlements and they are independent in money matters. This teaches them the lesson so hard for American women to learn that a dollar can only be spent once and that while figures won't lie they often deceive. "English women, for instance, save from one thing to buy another; they keep their accountabalanced; while here I have known my sister to spend a bill three times over in her mind before doing so in reality and then feel herself to

spend a bill three times over in her mind before doing so in reality and then feel herself to have been cheated out of two thirds of her enjoyment. Women should be treated as equals." "Once our superiors, now our equal. Remember the toast at our dinner?"

"There is too much of that sort of thing Arthur. It clouds one's ideas of right. I shall go on with this experiment the rest of the week—if I live—and then submit a plan which I have thought out to Ethel."

"A sort of half and—balf system or a common."

"A sort of half-and-half system or a common pocket book into which you can both dip?"
"Something of that sort."
"Well, let me know how the plan succeeds. I am to be married in June."

"So soon?"

"Yes, and your talk has interested me won-derfully. But for that I am afraid I should have treated Mrs. Cross to a repetition of the

marital blunders in money matters."

This conversation, the latter part of it, had progressed at the theater. Now the play began and the friends were perforce stient, but while the lover in the drama was assuring his lady of his undying affection Mr. Clyde was wordering if it storyed at the breest pocket. wondering if it stopped at the breast pocket, whether with all my earthly goods I thee endow ever meant that or was from the first ever meant that or was from the first intended as a shallow compliment to the inferior half of creation that they might the more easily wear the shackles matrimony forged for them. With the nineteenth century had come enlightenment. Women, no longer inferior, refused to cajole or be cajoled. They have stepped from the ranks of idiots, lunatics and children and declare their equality and they are ten times more fascinating than ever to the man of sense, thought Mr. Clyde as he felt his respect rising for the woman who had earned money rather than beg for it even of her earned money rather than beg for it even of her husband.

Mr. Clyde went through the week's experiment, asking for money when he needed it and getting along without when he could. He smoked few cigars, walked home from the office and resorted to various other makeshifts to save money but entered no complaints and Ethel began to feel at last as if he had failed to realize the full force of the situation.

However, at the end of the week she was unde-However, at the end of the week she was une-ceived and rejoiced to learn that henceforth mat-ters were to be differently arranged. Just how, they did not at once decide, but one thing was agreed upon, viz. that their rights to the fami-ly funds should be equal henceforth.

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OHN Hamilton, New England born and bred, trusted representative of a great American business house in Manila, had decided to become a thief.

"An embezzler," the papers would call him, Hamilton thought grimly to himself; since his stealings would be reckoned not by dollars but by thousands. In his own mind, though, now it was made up, he did not quibble for words. He would be a thief.

The decision was no sudden one. The

possibility of it had been before him, twice a year, ever since he had been in charge of the business of the house in the Philippines. Twice a year an amount of money had been sent him to pay out which would make an ordinary man rich. And he was only an ordinary man, who never would be rich, now, he reasoned, by work.

He would cut it all, name, friends, relatives all the life which had been his, go out of it all. and somewhere else begin another life, an easy happy one, in which there would be no more dull days of plodding work.

The getting away would be easy enough. He had thought it all over so many times that his plans almost made themselves. He told himself that there had been little enough else to think of in that lonesome, foreign country, so

think of in that lonesome, foreign country, so that a man might almost be pardoned if his conscience did go back on him.

The money had come that day. He was to leave Manila at midnight, on a tramp steamer bound for Australia. The captain himself was to come ashore in a small boat for him. The Christmas holidays began that day. He had told his friends that he was to start early the next morning for a week's trip among the mountains. Long before it would be time for him to return and begin work again he would be safely out of the way. Even then it would be no one could know how long before the news of his flight could reach the firm at home.

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His mother and sisters, back there in New England? Yes—what was the use, though? Had he not made up his mind that all that life was to be left behind?

Just then Ramon came in. Ramon was Hamilton's Filipino servant, and on this occasion he wore a more than usually smiling face. He brought the week's washing, the fourteen suits of thin white cotton clothes which a white man in Manila requires to get through a week with. When the servant had put the clothes away, perhaps a little more carefully than usual, he turned to his master and smiling still more happily, said:

"Now, will the senor be so good as to give me my Christmas money?"

Do not think the man crazy, or even rude. That was only one of the long-established customs of Manila life, before the war. At Christmas time the butcher, the baker, the hostler, the cook, the scullion, the office boy, everybody who rendered any service, no matter how generously he might have been paid for it, asked his gift unblushingly, as a right, and got it. Hamilton had that day given to twenty men, even to one who had come to collect a bill but who had still asked for his own pour boire. Ramon was the last; and the best. He had really liked the fellow.

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It was nearly evening, now, and almost everything was ready. He had put the papers in his desk in order, that whoever came to take his place might have as little extra trouble in that way as possible. He had made out the pay roll for the office men, and given them their money. They should have their Christmas. The rest of the money, his Christmas, was in a hand bag ready for his journey.

journey.
"How much, Ramon?" Hamilton said.

"How much, Ramon?" Hamilton said.
"Oh, senor, that is not for me to say. The
senor has always been more than generous."
Hamilton drew a package towards him on
the desk, the balance of his own month's pay,
from which he had paid bills that day and made gifts. He took five dollars from it, hesi-tated a moment, and then put another five with

tated a moment, and then put another rive with the first.

"Oh, senor! Thanks, thanks, thanks! It is too much!" the servant cried, although his eyes were glistening with happiness. "This will help me so much towards buying the freedom of Anita?" select the marks marks.

"Towards what?" asked the man's master.

"Towards what?" asked the man's master.
"Who is Anita?"

"The most beautiful and the best girl in Manila" replied Ramon, his head thrown back with pride, for a moment, until he added, dropping his eyes again, "But she is a slave, and I love her, and will marry no other woman but her, free."

"Only," he went on, "it is so long to wait. She is so beautiful and so quick to work that her master asks forty dollars for her; and I had only fifteen dollars saved in two years, until today. It is slow to save the money I must be.

today. It is slow to save the money I must be, with the father and the mother to care for."
Forty dollars. There were fifteen dollars left in the package. What odds? There was a fortune in the bag. It was the last time. Hamilton shook out the money and pushed it towards the men.

towards the man.
"Oh, hush up," he said to the native's eager thanks. "That's all right. Go and find Anita, and tell her. Good night. Yes. A merry Christmas."

"A Merry Christmas." Who would be there

to wish him that tomorrow? No matter. He himself would wish it to himself.

Hamilton spent the evening in cleaning up his room, burning letters, and packing another

bag with clothes. Even then the time dragged. Eleven o'clock came. Another hour to be got through. He took his hat and went out on to the street, to have one last look at the city. In Manila, in those days, on Christmas eve everybody was in the streets. A few, a very few, went into the churches to pray; more strolled in to hear the music and see the lights about the hambino before the alter and then about the bambino before the altar, and then

shout the bambino before the altar, and then strolled out again.

Hamilton found himself in the cathedral, wandering up the aisle. Now and then he bowed to some one whom he knew, out like himself to pass the time away. Inside a railed-off space before the chancel there knelt upon the stone floor a little group of those who had come to worship. Among them he saw Ramon kneeling beside a beautiful Visayan woman. While Hamilton stood watching them the man and woman rose and came from behind the railing, hand in hand, into the aisle.

When Ramon saw who stood there before them he gave a glad cry, and his eyes shone.

"Anita!" he said. "The gracious senor!" and added some words in the woman's native tongue.

tongue.

At which Anita looked up, shyly at first, at the great Americano. But a moment later, her eyes glistening with tears of joy, she said softly, "The senor is more good than we can ever say to him, but we have been tonight to thank God for his gift, and to ask the blessed Christ child to give to the senor this Christmas all the reward which the goodness of his heart deserves."

deserves."
Then they had bowed low before him and gone out, still hand in hand.
Hamilton followed. "To give him all the reward the goodness of his heart deserved." It seemed as if the priests in the chancel chanted the words; and when he had gone out into the open air he still heard them.
He stopped upon a corner, thinking. Men and women jostled him, careless of their steps in the rush of the holiday celebration. A coolie passed. Hamilton hailed him and gave him a coin.
"Go down to the water front," he said, "and

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"Go down to the water front," he said, "and find a man waiting in a small boat at the long pier. Tell him the American senor sent word he would not come, and that the steamer was not to wait."

Then he went home, while the bells in the cathedral tower were filling all the city with their message that the hour of midnight had passed, and that the dawn of Christmas Day had come.

TAGS FOR FOOD FISHES.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.



HERE is something very picturesque about the notion of fastening metal tags to marine fishes, and then letting them loose in the ocean, with the idea of iden-

tifying them as individuals in case they hap-pen to be caught at a future time.

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This is what the United States Fish Commission is doing just now with cod, fifteen hundred of which have been duly tagged and released this year. No two tags are alike, the markings on them being stamped in a series of letters and numbers, record of which is kept in a book in such a manner that, if a tagged codfish turns up, a moment's reference to the memoranda will furnish the history of that particular specimen, with date of liberation, weight, and so forth. For example, a cod wearing a tag with the raised inscription "S 10" has a complete identification card, so that she cannot be mixed up with any other fish entered in the Commission's ledger.

Only "brood fish"—i. e., spawning females—are tagged. They are bought from fishermen, stripped of their eggs at Wood's Hole, Mass., and liberated in the waters of Vineyard Sound, after having the tags attached to them. The tag is a small piece of copper, securely fastened by a wire passed through a fin near its junction with the body. It does not matter much which fin is chosen, though a back or tail fin is best. The tag is very light and its attachment in the manner described does no harm whatever to the animal. During the last few months the Fish Commission has distributed a circular all along the coast of New England, requesting that whenever a cod with a tag comes into the hands of a fisherman or other person, he shall remove the piece of metal and send it to the Commission station at Wood's Hole, together with a brief statement as to the date on which the fish was caught, where it was captured, its weight before being dressed, its length and the condition of its roe.

The object of the tagging is to ascertain the rate at which a cod grows, the frequency of its spawning, and the extent of its travels in the ocean. Knowledge of this kind has an obvious bearing upon fishcultural problems, and there is every reason to believe that the future of the cod fishery off t

Some years ago a similar experiment was made at the Fish Commission station on the Clackamas River, which is a tributary of the Columbia; but, instead of tagging the young fishes, the soft dorsal fins were shaved off of them with a razor before they were released. When they came back to spawn, three years later, they averaged twenty pounds in weight. From this experiment one or two very interesting conclusions were drawn. If all of the artificially hatched fry had survived and been

From this experiment one or two very interesting conclusions were drawn. If all of the artificially hatched fry had survived and been captured, it is obvious that 1000 of them would have contributed 20,000 pounds of food fish for market. As a matter of fact, only one out of ten of them returned and was taken, the result being 2000 pounds of fish for every 1000 young ones liberated. At five cents a pound—



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A number of years ago an experiment was made with the tagging of brood salmon in the Penobscot, in order to find out whether they returned to the sea after spawning. The salmon of the Pacific coast, having ascended the rivers to lay their eggs, never go back to

the rivers to lay their eggs, never go back to the ocean, but die in the headwaters of the streams. It is not so, however, with the Maine salmon, which, as was proved by the tags attached to them, come back to the river

tags attached to them, come back to the river every second year to breed.

The fact has been established that salmon, though they spend most of their lives at sea, never wander very far from the mouths of the rivers in which they were originally hatched. A Sacramento salmon, for example, always remains a Sacramento salmon from birth to death, feeding in the neighborhood of the mouth of that stream and ascending its current when the spawning period arrives. It is the same way with the shad, which, like the salmon, is a marine species, only running up the rivers to perform the function of reproduction.

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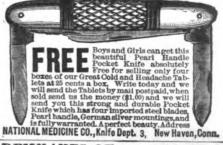


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on St. Paul and Minneapolis.

One of the most novel experiences to the New Englander is ice-boating. During the average winter segan there are ing the average winter season there are days and days of favorable weather suitable for this fascinating and fashionable sport when it is clear and when it is clear and crisp and exhilarat-ing. If the weather is too keenly cold the pleasure is not as-sured, because the great speed intensifies the cold which is exposing and uncom-fortable.

It was a merry party that went out to Lake Minnetonka one day for an ice-boating excursion. After an appetizing dinner at the club-house which an appetizing dinner at the club-house which is delightfully situated on the shore of the lake and open all the year, the party, composed of gentlemen and ladies heavily clothed proceeded to the white-winged fleet, which the skippers held in readiness. The white sails gleaming in the sunlight, and the red velvet cushions in the shallow decks and the skippers in their bright parti-colored suits, tightfitting and warm, all made a very picturesque scene.

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and warm, all made a very picturesque scene.

One looks and feels somewhat like an Arctic explorer when starting to embark on the iceboats. Wraps of the heaviest and warmest kind are worn and extras are carried along. To be warm is an important condition, and anything contributing to it is permissible; the more one presents the appearance of an Esquimau the better.

In construction, the ice-boat differs essentially from the sail-boat or any craft that skims over the lake during warm weather, or even cold weather. There are two long hard pine beams that cross each other at right angles; the cross beam rests on two short steel runners or skates, and swings easily from the main beam, so that the boat is readily controlled. On the boom which runs parallel with the long main beam are the sails, and at the rear end of the main beam is the deck which is very shallow, finished in cherry wood and lined with red velvet cushions. The deck accommodates only four persons, including the skipper.

Just in the rear of the deck is the rudder.

skipper.

Just in the rear of the deck is the rudder, which together with the sails is controlled by the skipper. Short steel runners are also on the front and rear ends of the main or body

Passengers cannot sit erect a sin a sail-boat, but must recline, or half lie down, and hold fast to an iron bar which passes through the center of the deck.

Once started, the speed is something almost appalling, distancing in a few moments all other modes of conveyance.

The sensation of rapidity resembles the toboggan slide more than anything else; but includes an experience not found on the toboggan; and that is the turn or whirl of the ice-boat which is done at the same rate of speed. This turn is something tremendous in force, ice-boat which is done at the same rate of speed. This turn is something tremendous in force, and if one did not hold fast to the iron bar with all one's strength, one would be hurled off without any ceremony and left spinning round and round on the ice until one's head feels like bursting from dizziness; and bruises and scratches on the face are included. Yet this rough treatment seldom, if ever, causes any fatal results. fatal results.

These turns occur when the boat must change its course or run ashore, for ice-boats run a straight course as far as they can.

New comers are usually notified of the coming turn so they may get their grip on the iron bar, which is covered with red velvet.

The frame that holds it when in operation is constructed on the lazytong sprinciple, and when extended takes the form of a ring-like table with a multitude of legs and a network bag for a top. The lazytongs are quickly locked when in this position, so as to prevent them from collapsing and the net offers a safe landing for anybody who may drop into it.

For additional safety hand-grips of rope are provided on the external periphery of the apparatus, so that firemen and bystanders may take hold and by pulling outward give extra stability to the affair. Beneath the net is attached a large air-cushion in the shape of a ball, to contribute yet more resistance to weight suddenly brought upon the net. When the latter is no longer wanted for the time being, it is collapsed into a compact cylindrical bundle the terrature or account of the safety and the saf bar, which is covered with red velvet.

During a first spin or cruise a sense of fear is developed by the swift, sharp turn, and there is a longing for the shore, while the sharp cutting of the air caused by the great speed is not always comfortable to the new-comer. Woolen or knitted mask hoods are often worn to temper the sharp air. As the ice is sometimes hubbly one gets quite a shaking, and a whirling, rushing shaking, unlike any other.



CURLING.

By repeated spins one becomes accustomed to the speed of "those awful whirls," as all newthe speed of "those awful whiris," as all new-comers call them; and it is not long before one becomes fascinated and is not quite satisfied until "twenty miles in twenty minutes" have been run. Racing speed is often recorded at a mile a minute, and at a distance the boats in

full sail look not unlike gigantic sea gulls skimming over the frozen surface of the lake.

Some of the boats in the fleet on Lake Minnetonka were brought from the Hudson River, where ice-boating has been in vogue for a long time. They are made very strong and of the best materials, and frequently cost five hun-dred dollars. That it requires more nerve and training to manage an ice boat than a sailboat

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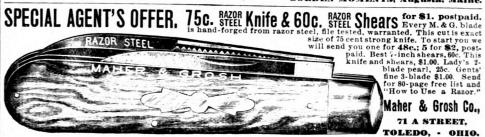
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quires a generous expanse of frozen surface, hence large rivers and lakes are the usual spinning grounds of these speeders.

A winter sport enjoyed particularly by the Scottish people of Minneapolis is "Curling" on the ice. This game has been known in Scotland for three hundred years and more. It is thought to have originated by men and boys hurling stones over the ice, and was at first called "channel stane," or stone.

The Highlanders and Lowlanders played the game with great energy and interest. The game includes two contending parties, usually four on a side, who hurl and slide large smooth stones of a circular form from one mark to another called the tee. At either end of a space of ice one hundred and thirty-five feet long, are circles, in the center of which is the tee.

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Fleet mail steamers, fitted with rooms for sorting and distributing foreign mail have made the journey from continent to continent seem a mere trifle. Specially fitted electric cars have aided materially in collecting and distributing mail throughout the cities. But it is a still newer invention that this paper is to describe.

Until recently no particular provision has been made for rapidly forwarding mail to various parts of a city after the bag had been thrown from the train, or for collecting it rapidly. Wagons have been displaced to some extent by the electric mail cars, but an enormous saving of time will be effected when the system of pneumatic tubes becomes more fully develof pneumatic tubes becomes more fully developed. This system of distributing mail is already in use in a number of the larger cities both in America and Europe, though here the pneumatic tube is still somewhat of a novelty. In New York the greater part of the mail between Manhattan Island and Brooklyn is now the provided the state of the state of the same tubes which pass

sent through two large mail tubes which pass over Brooklyn Bridge. The Grand Central Station is connected with the central postoffice three and a half miles away, and the carriers containing mail make this distance in about

two minutes.

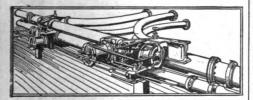
Boston has recently laid a pneumatic tube between the postoffice and the Union Station, and still further extension of the system is contemplated. Philadelphia has its business district connected with its railroad stations by tubes, and a set of tubes is contemplated, radiating from the business portion of the city in all directions to do an express business. Chiego is experimenting with pneumatic tubes, while in Europe, London, Vienna, Berlin and Paris are using them to their entire satisfaction. two minutes.

tion.

In London and Berlin the tubes are arranged all radiating from the central station to the sub-stations. There are thirty-four miles of tube in London, and forty-two stations. Sixty thousand letters are sent daily through these tubes. Paris has twenty stations connected by a belt line around the city, which is also connected with the central postoffice. Berlin has twenty-eight miles of tube and thirty-eight stations. The system there, as in London, is double-tracked, so that a carrier can be emptied at any way-station and sent back at once to the central station; while in Paris all the carriers travel in the same direction and each one must make a circuit of the city before returning to its starting point.

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A pneumatic tube may be compared to a long gun-barrel, or an immense bean-blower, bored to great accuracy, so that the interior presents an unbroken surface. It is buried in the ground, with manholes and subterranean chambers at convenient points, where tests of air



A CUT-OUT SWITCH.

pressure may be made, obstructions removed, repairs made and the tubes cleaned and lubricated.

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While European cities have been using these tubes for nearly fifty years, those that have recently been installed in America are far superior. The older London tubes were three inches in diameter, lined with lead, while the carriers were of felt and had a capacity of about thirty-five letters. The latest ones to be installed in New York are much larger, being eight inches in diameter and with carriers large enough to contain six hundred letters. The motive power, of course, is compressed air. Our initial cut shows one of the drawings. At the sending stations the letters are packed into the carriers, which somewhat resemble the cash carriers used in some of our larger stores, the cylinder is loaded into the tube as a cartridge is loaded into the breech of a rifle, a lever is pulled and away the carrier shoots to lever is pulled and away the carrier shoots to its destination. A piston travels ahead, draw-ing a train of carriers by suction, while the compressed air in the rear helps push them

Electrical automatic machines at the various Electrical automatic machines at the various way-stations catch the carriers belonging to them and deposit them gently on a table, letting the others pass by. A regular automatic block-signal system keeps the carriers the proper distance apart and thus prevents rearend collisions in the tubes. As the carriers travel through the tubes at the rate of about forty miles an hour, it can readily be seen that this is a very necessary precaution.

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Some idea of the saving in time—which is money to the commercial world—may be learned from the fact that in New York alone 126,350 letters and 20,000 papers daily travel through this tube. Probably an hour is saved in the delivery of each. This alone means a great deal, but when we reflect that the saving of this hour enables letters to catch an earlier train for the West, which in turn may mean eatching a mail a day earlier further on in the trip, or a foreign steamer on the Pacific coast a week earlier than would otherwise be possible.

the advantage gained by this system can hardly be estimated.

The possibilities of the pneumatic tube are

by no means exhausted yet. A little specula-tion on the subject may not be idle. Perhaps our cities will some day have an express sys-tem, with tubes on a large scale, radiating from the business center of a large city to the from the business center of a large city to the suburbs, so that our 20th century shoppers may do their buying pneumatically. The business man of the future may be connected with his home in the country and have a hot lunch shot in town at noon, right from his own kitchen. Perhaps even people may travel through these tubes in time. A line for carrying mail may be built across the ocean; then perhaps a passenger line may be built. Impossible? Perhaps. But one hundred years ago people would have told you it would be impossible even to talk between New York and Chicago, to send a message around the world Chicago, to send a message around the world in less than a minute, to cross the ocean or the continent in five days. Who shall say, in this age of wonders, that anything is impossible?

Gems Used In The Arts.



IAMONDS, as they come from the mines, are separated roughly into three grades. A quantity of them will be thrown upon a table and divided into three heaps. The first pile will consist of stones which, by reason of their transparency and shape, are suitable for cut-ting as gems. The

are suitable for cutting as gems. The second heap will embrace those which are more available for drills and bits, and the third will represent inferior material that can be utilized only as an abrasive, for the cutting and polishing of diamonds and other precious stones. Gems of the second class are employed to a small extent as bearings for instruments of precision.

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Chiefly from Brazil comes a kind of diamond, somewhat impure, which is known as "carbonado." It is black and was used a few years ago much more than it is now for drills and bits, being extremely hard, and yet not at all brittle. It has sometimes been found in pieces as big as one's fist. To-day, however, the inferior gem diamonds are used in preference to it. these latter being actually worth more in ferior gem diamonds are used in preference to it, these latter being actually worth more in the arts than as precious stones. A diamond drill may cost a good deal of money, but it lasts a long while and does much valuable work before it wears out.

Rubies and sapphires, which are forms of corundum, are both of exactly the same hardness, coming next after the diamond in that respect. Stones of these kinds not utilized as gems are employed as water-jewels and as bear-

corundum, are both of exactly the same hardness, coming next after the diamond in that respect. Stones of these kinds not utilized as gems are employed as water-jewels and as bearings for instruments. They are also used as abrasives, especially for cutting other precious stones. Emery is an impure corundum, and its value and wide use as an abrasive is sufficiently well known.

Emerald, which is a green variety of beryl, seems to have no usefulness in the arts. Garnet is employed for watch-jewels and as an abrasive. Tourmaline, the most remarkable crystals of which come from Maine, is extensively used for optical purposes, to polarize light, possessing as it does this peculiar and very interesting property.

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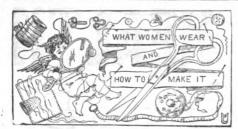
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T has come to be an understood fact that the severe tailor-made gowns, consisting of perfectly plain coat and skirt, are now worn largely by the "out door" woman who goes in for all sorts of sports, and have lost their high place in the affectheir high place in the affections of general womankind.
Certain it is the large share of tailor gowns turned out in New York are Frenchified by nameless little touches which relieve them from severity and yet they are severity, and yet they are strictly "tailored". For in-stance, a search through any of the best known houses on the Avenue shows the growing tendency to fanciful skirts and decorative bodices. One of the newest skirts of the season has a tight-fitting upper-body, with a box-pleated flounce attached at the knee, the uping the flounce in squares. A

attached at the knee, the upper part overlapping the flounce in squares. A blouse coat accompanies this skirt, finished over the shoulder by three graduated capes, all heavily stitched, as are all the edges.

Braiding is lavished on all gowns, gold being a distinct feature of this adornment. Broad bands of Hercules braid, outlined with narrow gold cord is much in favor and is most effective. This same Hercules braid combined with the gold is used upon the newest flannel waists. tive. This same Hercules braid combined with the gold is used upon the newest flannel waists, together with as many small gold buttons as may be effectively placed. Take it all in all, there is a very decided craze for gold trimming on all gowns where its application may be le-

gitimately used.

Very few sleeves are plain. The bell shape is Very few sleeves are plain. The bell shape is much in vogue, sometimes reaching to the hand and sometimes short enough to display a small undersleeve of whatever material may correspond with the gown in question. The sleeves of jackets and coats, especially, are made up in this style. The Bishop sleeve with loose cuff is also displayed on coats and wraps. In fact the only radical change in the winter coat from that of last season is the sleeve; especially is this so if one chooses the short coat. The half, three-quarter, and full-length box coat reigns supreme, though for continuous wear it is not to be recommended as one wearies of so pronounced a style, and unless one has just the right shade of jauntiness about their carriage the effect is extremely disappointing.

At the furriers are superb wraps made in the box style, those made up of broad tails being most effective, combined as to collar and revers with mink, ermine, or any of the various handsome furs we now have.

most effective, combined as to collar and revers with mink, ermine, or any of the various handsome furs we now have. A cloak fit for a princess is built of chestnut brown broadcloth (a peculiar reddish shade), the full-length skirt box-plaited onto the yoke, over which is arranged a wide collar, forming a hood at the back of ermine, deeply bordered with mink.



The box-plaits are held close to the figure almost to the waist, by means of narrow stitched s'raps fastened at the left side by means of large jeweled buttons. The loose Bishop sleeves have cuffs of the ermine edged with mink

mink.

The newest cry in the shirt waist world is the bolero made of the same material and fin-ished with stitched bands of like or contrast-ing color. I saw such a stunning one of scarlet flannel, the soft waist surmounted by a natty little bolero of the same material, bordered on bell sleeves and is collarless. Separate boleros of black velvet made very

Separate boleros of black velvet made very short and hollowed out at the throat considerably to display the dainty under waist, are smart adjuncts to a dressy toilet, embroidered as they are with the richest and most gorgeous of colors, as well as the lavish use of gold.

Velvet hats are by far the most favored thing in millinery. An especially smart toque has a soft crown of deep rosy-violet velvet, around which is effectively draped velvet of a lighter shade of pink. This is also massed softly in front and held in place by a jeweled buckle. When worn on the head it has the effect of a Napoleon hat, than which no other shape is Napoleon hat, than which no other shape is more sought af-

ter. A dream of a hat in this shape is made of white mirror velvet edged with beaver fur, and set off by a

with beaver fur, and set off by a cluster of soft white plumes.

The Aiglon collar is the newest. It is high and straight and fastens with one button to fastens with one button to the left of the

front. The inverted plait seems to be the most popu lar for tailor skirts. It was fully expected that habit backs would again be worn, but failed utterly this side

the water.
Light-weight stuffs for indoor wear are made

Light-weight stuffs for indoor wear are made up in a variety of fanciful ways, the skirts being tucked, shirred or plaited. A gauze skirt intended for a party frock has bias tucks running from the side to the fullness, and was let out or held in place by a buckle.

One of the daintiest waists it has been my good fortune to see this season has its entire body made of accordion plaited chiffon across which are set three-inch bands of heavy gold embroidery, one in the center and one on either side, the edges attached at intervals by means of small turquoise ornaments. The sleeves have a body of the chiffon across which are set bands of the gold the second one drawing the bands of the gold the second one drawing the chiffon snugly at the elbow, while the third forms a cuff to which the soft, full sleeve is at-

tached.

Another pretty bodice has a body of plaited chiffon in pale rose. Over this is worn a bolero of white taffeta embroidered in gold thread and white silk. After being embroidered the silk was cut away, thus showing the color through. A line of gold was also around the edge of the sleeve and top of the collar, while a narrow belt of gold fastened with a gold and blue enamel buckle gave the finishing touch.

For the woman to whom furs are impossible, a stylish neck piece is shown in the form of a thick, deep ruche of taffeta, Liberty silk, or

thick, deep ruche of taffeta, Liberty silk, or chiffon, finished with a dozen or more long loops on either side of black chenille. These ends are allowed to fall straight and are very effective and becoming. Very often these chenille ends are tipped with the odd little gold points now considered so modish. Boas of coope feethers are sain in verye and ere gold points now considered so modish. Boas of coque feathers are again in vogue and are sometimes combined with fur, with to my mind, a somewhat unsatisfactory effect. A feature of new neck wear is the finishing of the folded silk ties with gold points, or oddly enameled ornaments, made light enough not to cause the ends to drag. A chic little neck fixing consists of an inch wide band of gauzy gold braid, brought around the neck, and crossed midway to the bust, the two short ends finished with gold points studded with turquoise.

quoise.

Narrow belts of gold with all sorts of fancy buckles are the latest cry and add a dainty finish to many a plain toilette.

A smart little stock is made of Persian silk with a plain border of the predominating color in the Persian. The top of the collar is edged with three rows of narrow gold braid which is used also inside the band on the bow.

Some of the new turbans appear almost square in their flatness. One of violet velvet shot with gold threads has

gold threads has the velvet laid in precise folds in precise folds straight a bout the turned-up turban brim which is to be set low over the forehead. The crown is lower than the brim and is laid flat and smooth, intensifying the square shape. A square shape. A brow quill speckled



with purple and gold sweeps about the turban along the top of the brim starting from a gold buckle at the left side rather toward the back. Very picreturesque are the flat hats of black velvet, some-what after the style of the poke, and trimmed simply with choux of the velvet arranged flatly across the front. Such a dainty one I saw hav-ing a cluster of pale pink roses nestled in at the

side.

One can get up such wonderfully pretty collars and undersleeves with so little trouble, and as one set can be made to do service with various waists and coats, their first expense is not to be considered. A pair of undersleeves of white Liberty silk is barred across with narrow black velvet, each band lined through the center with a small gold cord. The loose cuff has a border of blue panne velvet beside the black velvet and gold cord, and is closed with dainty turquoise buttons. The stock shows a combination of the colors. turquoise buttons. The bination of the colors.

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GOLDEN MOMENTS, Augusta, Maine.

The Pan-American Exposition.

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HE beautiful vision of the White City on the banks of Lake Michigan a few years ago was believed by

lieved that the be-wildering dream of the exhibition of



the exhibition of Chicago was reached in general design or appearance by the cramped and crowded Parisian fair.

Next year, however, in our own country, is to be an exhibition which it is boldly claimed by its projectors will be the most satisfying world's exhibition ever given, and in beauty will outclass any of its more pretentious rivals, while it will completely eclipse all the attempts at the smaller exhibitions which have been given in the last few years, which were more than national in character, but not on the level of the large international fairs.

ternational fairs.

Ever since the great Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia, the people who have seen these fairs have been impressed with the idea that the vastness of the international exhibithat the vastness of the international exhibition made it impossible of complete survey by the ordinary person with the limited means and limited time at his disposal; while, on the contrary, the smaller exhibitions were hardly as much as could be expected. The Buffalo people, with their characteristic enterprise, decided some years ago upon the establishment of the Pan-American Exposition of 1901, and are now making every preparation for an exhibition which shall be so comprehensive in character as to give all that is desirable of the great fair, and to take away any criticism which attaches itself to the smaller one. They have, in fact, selected the happy medium so far as size is concerned; but have gone into a scheme of architecture, coloring and art which it is believed will easily eclipse any attempt, great or small, which has ever been made in this line. Where Chicago was one vast white city, the Buffalo exhibition is to be a marvel of bright colors and intense effects which has never been attempted by any similar exhibition.

The Pan-American Exposition is to be opened

never been attempted.

The Pan-American Exposition is to be opened at Buffalo, May 1st, 1901, and will continue until the first day of November of the same year. It was called Pan-American from the original to make it a distinctively American intention to make it a distinctively American exposition, embracing both the north and south continents, and its object was to bring into closer relations, commercially and socially, all the governments on the western hemisphere; but its scope has gradually increased until it but its scope has gradually increased until it promises to be one of the most complete and satisfying exhibitions ever given. The managers have wisely decided upon a great exhibition, which might not be called vast, and which, great as it will be, could be thoroughly seen in the time which is usually devoted to such objects. Congress appropriated \$500,000 in the year 1899, and since then the subscriptions have been largely increased by other means. Official acceptances have been received, in answer to the invitations, by almost every country of the two hemispheres, as well as those on the continent. For a long time there was no great public interest in the projected fair; but in the last few months every indication has shown that intense interest and competition are aroused, and everything shows that it will be a most successful enterprise. As usual, the entertainment is entirely prise. As usual, the entertainment is entirely run by a stock company, which has worked heartily for its success, and which has been very wise in the choice of its officers and members of its Publicity Bureau.

No city in the United States is better adapted for this great exhibition than Buffelo a city of

for this great exhibition than Buffalo, a city of wide streets beautifully laid out, of handsome residences and superior hotel accommodations. It is of itself well worth a visit from any person, and it will but add to the attractions of the fair itself. It has beautiful suburbs, fine parks and is

parks, and is a typical resi-dential city of the highest class. Only a mile away are Ni-agara Falls, which are easily reach-ed by several railroads and electric lines; and on the other side are and on the other side are the beautiful excursions which will be arranged to take in one of the Great Lakes, the St.

Lawren ce, Thousand Islands, and the quaint, half ancient cities of Quebec and Montreal. Altogether no location could have been more satisfactory than that selected.

that selected.

The principal buildings of the exposition surround a broad, beautiful court, in the form of an inverted letter T. The transverse section of this court is known as the Esplanade, running east and west to a distance of 1700 feet between the two extremes. The Court of Fountains, which lies north of the transverse section, is 500 feet wide, and 2000 feet from north to south. The grounds will be entered through the beautiful entrance on Lincoln Parkway. There will be a large number of buildings devoted to the exhibition proper, many of them under Government control. The Government group alone

will consist of three buildings, as it is the intention of the administration to make this one of the greatest features of the whole exhibition, and larger than anything that has been attempted, for the benefit of our kindred nations in this hemisphere. There will be the usual number of larger buildings for horticulture, graphic arts, forestry, mines, etc.; and a more thorough detail of these buildings and what may be seen in them will be given in a what may be seen in them will be given in a future number of COMFORT.

In addition to the court already named, there

are a number of others, each of which will contain beauties of the highest art. The els on the four sides will be of openwork, so aquatic basin in the Court of Fountains is 225 that the effect at night, when the interior is

ago was believed by most good judges to be the very zenith of industrial exhibitions of the world's products. No more common idea was expressed in Paris this year than the comparison of the exhibition with the one at Chicago, and few were found who believed that the befeet wide by 560 feet long, containing considerably more than two acres of water. This is to contain numerous fountains, and will constitute one of the rich scen-ic effects. It and west side of this Court that the Man-



THE PLAZA, MIDWAY ENTRANCE AND PROPYLAEA.

Irregest buildings of the exposition.

The general style of architecture of the exposition is a free treatment of the Spanish Renaissance, which has been chosen as a compliment to the many Latin-American countries whose interest was sought and received in this enterprise. The plan promises an exposition splendid and unique in architectural aspect. The architects have found their inspiration chiefly in the Latin-American cities, and the work of ornamentation is being carried out elaborately in every detail. Colonnades and arcades, suggesting coolness and comfort; elevated pavilions, balconies, loggias, domes, lanterns, towers, minarets, commanding broad views of the grounds; fancy flag standards and finials of varied design will be extensively used in the ornamentation of the main structures. The finer details will be worked out by the liberal use of statuary, medallions, arabesques and other work in relief. About 125 grand original sculptured groups are under contract, a far greater display than seen at any other American exposition, the work engaging



ELECTRICITY TOWER AND FOUNTAIN.

the attention of all the leading American

sculptors.
In planning the exposition, the management early decided upon giving electricity special homage and position. The progress of this science has been so marvelously rapid in the past few years, and so many people believe that it is the coming light, heat, and power of the world, that every attention has been given to a most complete exhibition of its many uses. No city in the world is as well situated as Buffalo for a complete exhibition of this great branch

for a complete exhibition of this great branch of industry. The nearness of Niagara Falls, which have been harnessed to man's mechanwhich have been harnessed to man's mechan-ism, and where now are the greatest electric power plants known in this class of engineer-ing, give a power which could not be contem-plated by any other city in the world; for in no other place could so large a volume of

power be available except at a cost that would make it practically impossible. These famous falls, by the magic of electronic science, which is not necessary and into day, and give to every ripple of the pools, and spurtevery spurt-ing fountain, a fantastic brilliance that will make the

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courts of the exposition a fairyland of unpre-

ELECTRICITY BUILDING.

courts of the exposition a fairyland of unprecedented loveliness. To describe one building which we have illustrated, the Electric Tower, it is three hundred and seventy-five feet high, and upon it are to be displayed electrical phenomena to an extent hitherto unattempted. This stands between the Court of Fountains and the Plaza. The main body of the tower, which is shown in our illustration, is eighty feet square and two hundred feet high. The crown is in three parts, of diminishing proportions. The first of these is a loggia, with the wall surfaces brilliantly colored, and richly ornamented in all details. At the base of the tower, on the east and west sides, are two colonnades, seventy-five feet high, which sweep to the southward and and west sides, are two colonnades, seventy-five leet high, which sweep to the southward and DEAFNESS ROWAN, Milwaukee, Wis.

form a semicircular space, opening toward the Court of Fountains. Elevators will carry the visitors to the many floors. At a height of seventy-five feet is to be a restaurant, with a roof garden; the floors on other heights will be used for reception rooms and other purposes, and from the various floors, pavilions and cupolas, may be seen the most beautiful views of the city, Lake Erie, Niagara River and the Canadian shore. The whole exterior of the tower is to be richly ornamented with plastic designs and sculpture. It is intended as the designs and sculpture. It is intended as the centerpiece of the exposition. The great panels on the four sides will be of openwork, so

lighted, will
be exceptionally brilliant
and grand.
The Temple
of Music will have much attention paid it both in architec-tural finish and in com-pleteness. It will be a place of entertainment rather than for exhibition pur-poses, it hav-ing been de-

that the Manufactures and the PLAZA, MIDWAY ENTRANCE AND PROPYLAEA.

poses, it having been decided that the exhibition of musical instruments in general shall have space in the Manlargest buildings of the exposition.

The general style of architecture of the exconsistence is a free treatment of the Spanish will be a great church organ, one of the largest cided that the exhibition of musical instru-ments in general shall have space in the Man-ufactures building. This building is to be richly ornamented, and its principal feature will be a great church organ, one of the largest ever designed. There will be festivals of music throughout the exhibition in this building, and it will be a rendezvous for all lovers of music.

music.
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The Propyleae is properly the railway station, but is not, as some fancy, the transportation exhibit, which is in another building. It is designed as a great railway station on the north end of the grounds.

In the Stadium, near to it, will be held athletic carnivals during the exposition on a scale far more elaborate and comprehensive than has ever been undertaken in America. The high position which Americans have taken in recent

far more elaborate and comprehensive than has ever been undertaken in America. The high position which Americans have taken in recent years in athletic sports, and their many victories in international contests abroad, especially in the recent world's fairs, have created such emulation in foreign countries that contests are being arranged, which will far surpass any of the great international contests with which we are familiar. The exterior dimensions are nearly equal to those of the famous Colosseum at Rome. The arena will contain a quarter mile track and ample space for athletic contests of all kinds, and there will be a seating capacity of ten thousand.

The grounds chosen for the exhibition are in Delaware Park, which lies in the northern part of Buffalo, well within the city limits. The entire park contains three hundred and fifty acres, and within the park lands is a small lake, which is described as one of the most beautiful interior lakes in the country. It will undoubtedly prove a great drawing card for the first year of the new century. When it is realized that the greatest patronage which is received in European travel and European cities is from the Americans, and that we as a country spend money freely and even lavishly, and that the greater part of the patronage of the far away Paris Exposition was American, the possibilities for the coming Buffalo exposition are easily realized. With the great prosperity which is prevailing all over the United States, the exposition is certain of a great home patronage. To this will be added the natural curiosity and interest of foreigners, especially Europeans, on account of the rapid strides which the United States has taken to the front in world affairs in the last two or three years. Having everything in this country for use and luxury, more natural seenery than in any other part of the world, and everything, in fact, except ruins, which come alone with time, it is a surprising thing how few foreigners, comparatively, have taken the trouble to visit the Unit

come to America, it has been ca, it has been a revelation; and it is safe to say that almost all of the very few luxuries of travel which are found in Europe come from America. and America, and from the insistence of American travelers. The condition, however, has changed with-in two or three years, and there is now the greatest desire on the part of foreigners to

TEMPLE OF MUSIC.

visit America and see for themselves its wonders; so that with the Pan-American Exposition, the inter-national yacht race, and the general prosperity of the country, it seems safe to predict that the attendance on the Buffalo Exposition will be not only one of the largest, but of more cosmopolitan character than any previous exposition in America, if not in the whole world.

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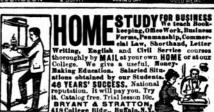
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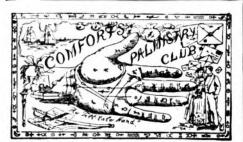
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for readings unless the sender has fully complied with the above conditions.

To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank paper over a candle or similar flame, until they are heavily coated with the smoke. Then lay these pieces down, smoke side uppermost on a pad of cotton. Now place the two hands, palms downward, one on each sheet of paper, pressing firmly and steadily down, but taking care not to move the hand. Keep them so for one minute and lift carefully, so as not to disturb the impression. Have ready some fixatly, which can be bought at a drug store or an art store or made with gum arabic and water in an atomizer. Spray this over the impressions before they are moved and allow them to dry. Then they are ready to send.

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Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

ANY letters like the following come to me every month and they make my work easier and my life pleasanter:

"I have read with interest all your articles in COMFORT and I want to tell you that of all the limes of the hand so plainly and satisfactorily as you do." She also states that she has read the books of Cheiro, Louise Colton, St. Germain and Dix, and wants I should recommend others, more exhaustive. Probably the most exhaustive is Heron-Allen's "Manual of Cheirosophy," which can be had of Brentano, N. Y., or ordered through any book store. It is an English book and the author has used the best of systems of D'Arpentigny and Adrien Desbarollee as well as others less well known among the established authorities. Eliza Henderson of Cambridge, Mass., has issued a text book also but I do not consider it as good as Cheiro's. The last named is so arranged that it is easier to learn; but the author is quite independent of the older authorities and so his conclusions are sometimes confusing to one who has studied others. clusions are sometimes confusing to one who

has studied others.
For instance, "Agnes" asked some questions regarding the marriage line under the little finger awhile ago: I answered, giving Cheiro's opinion, which confused her not a little. I do not pretend to decide between eminent authorities, I only give their conclusions. I will answer a question for Agnes, in the hope that it will help other students, of whom I find I have many in COMFORT.

many in COMFORT.

A line starting from the head-line and following along the fate-line, either crossing it or not, and keeping close to Saturn or Jupiter, or between them, would probably mean a marriage late in life, or clse a very close friendship. It would surely mean marriage if corroborated by a similar line keeping close to the lower part of the life-line. The farther the life-line and this accompanying line go towards the rascettes, the farther the last marriage goes on in life.

in life.

"A subscriber" wants to know if a deep line from the top of the Mount of Mercury and cutting the line of marriage will hinder the marriage? If the marriage is not unmistakably indicated on the fate-line or the life-line, yes.

"C. R." will find her reading in the October number. "Anxious" asks a lot of questions that are impossible to answer unless I could see her and examine the actual hand; and even then I would not undertake the impossible.

then I would not undertake the impossible.
"H. S." has sent three excellently taken impressions which he wishes read and he has at-

tended to his part of it in such a business-like way that it will be pleasure for

me to do so.
"R. O. L."
was born with some peculiar tendencies but improves upon his natural conditions as he growsolder. His life-line in the right hand is too deep for the best of health; should say



should say he had a paternal inheritance of some kind that will affect his life after the age of fifteen. He will live, however, to be sixty-five or seventy and will not have much trouble aside from this matter of the health. Some affair of the heart, in which he will meet with opposition either from his or her people will affect him seriously about the age of twenty-five, and he will, as the phrase is, "go all to pieces over it." But he will recover, although he will not, so far as I can see now, marry. These lines, however, are very liable to change, as the lines on a young boy's or girl's hand are all liable to great changes; therefore too much dependence should not be placed on their readings. Cheiro will not read a child's hand between the ages of six weeks and eighteen years, for the reason that the lines change

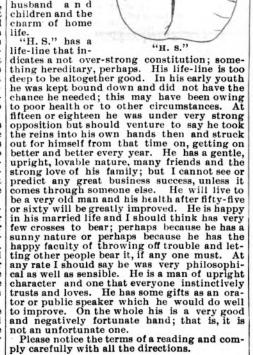


scientious and will be a good man. His nature is straight forward and he will be successful in his business, whatever he may decide upon. I should advise either abusiness scientious and b u s i n e s s career, or if he has a talent for m u s i c or teaching, let him follow

that. He will never make an orator so he ought not to undertake the law or the ministry.

"L. O. U." has a remarkably good hand, indicative of a singularly strong, fine character. She has two breaks in her life-line that I do not like very well, but as they are not borne out by the left hand I think she will overcome their evil effects. I should say, however, there had been a serious illness about the age of twenty and would be another not far from fifty years of age, which she will survive; if the latter, she will live to be eighty or more. She needs to be very careful of her health between forty-five and fifty-five. She had some remarkable preservation from serious accident or trouble about the age of thirty—a trouble that affected the heart as well as the head; she may not realize how great this was, but it is plainly written in the square that shows on both lifewritten in the square that shows on both life-line and heart-line. She has a splendid fate-line and would make her way anywhere; would make a fine business woman as she has all the qualifications necessary to success. She is a splendid wife and mother. I congratulate the

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As soon as enough pieces have been collected to cover a

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square table top the work of arranging them should begin. This does not take long to accomplish. The table to select for the purpose is a plain one, made of pine and enameled with white paint. Its height and shape of legs as being suitable for a card table, should be considered.

white paint. Its height and shape of legs as being suitable for a card table, should be considered.

It is first necessary that a piece of moulding about half an inch in width, should be set all around the top of the table, and as its corners require to be well mitred, it is best to have this done by a carpenter. The table is then in readiness to receive its china top.

First fill the entire space within the moulding with putty, so that it rises to a height about equal with menulding. The various bits of china are then taken up separately and pressed into the putty, until the whole surface of the table is covered.

When this is accomplished the effect produced is something like a mosaic, or a piece of crazy patch work. Of course any particular scheme can be worked out in this way. For instance, a top made entirely of bits of blue and white china would be charming.

Or, if one has enough pieces of a similar color, a star can be fashioned to radiate from the center. White china also can be blocked in to produce a smart effect. It is always a point to be remembered that the putty hardens quickly, and the pieces should therefore be first collected and set in at once, if possible, during the



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same day. As they sink the soft material naturally rises up between them and forms putty ridges that must be smoothed down until exactly even with the china.

It is now desirable to go over the surface with a coating of shellac, applied with a small camelhair brush. After this has been done it is a good scheme to put the whole thing away for a day or two, or until it has become perfectly solid and dry.

The final touch, and one that adds greatly to the beauty of the top, is to cover all the lines of putty with the same sort of gilt used to regild old picture frames. This, too, should be done with a fine camel-hair brush. After this, a good washing with cold water is about all a good washing with cold water is about all that the table requires.

A very unique and at the same time ornament-



PIPE RACK.

al rack for pipes to adorn a smoking room is easily made out of brown ooze calf.

Take a piece of skin a foot and a half long by two feet wide. With a very sharp knife fringe the edge of the leather by cutting in small strips about three and a half to four inches on all the edges. all the edges. Across one of the longest sides (fastening at either corner), suspend two or three narrow strips of leather. These may be looped up in the middle with a bow knot of leather ends. Then with a hot iron shaped

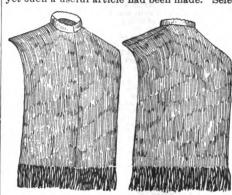
like a blunt pencil burn into the nap of the leather a motto appropriately selected.

Between these words, artistically arranged, may be six or seven five inch strips of leather fastened at either end to the leather background by small brass fasteners. Through these, arranged at different angles, the pipes can be easily slipped, bowl uppermost. Then mount this leather sheet on the same size board or heavy card board and your novel pipe rack is

this leather sheet on the same size board or heavy card board and your novel pipe rack is ready to hang on the wall.

There probably never was a child, whether boy or girl, who hasn't at some time made tubular worsted trimming on a spool, into one end of which four pins have been stuck. The penwiper herewith illustrated is made in this way of black worsted. When enough has been made it is formed into shape by means of bonnet wire, inserted inside the roll of worsted, for the body, legs, tail and arms. The head is made of black kid over a ball of worsted and the face is painted with water-color. Strands of the worsted form the hair. When finished it is fastened to a piece of cardboard which has previously been covered on both sides with cloth representing the colors of some one of the leading colleges, and a flag made of the same color; blaced in one hard. cloth representing the colors of some one of the leading colleges, and a flag made of the same color, is placed in one hand. Under the piece of card board may be tacked flat leaves of black cloth, for wiping the pen, and it is also intended that the pen should be wiped on the worsted of which it is made, for which purpose black is selected. black is selected.

One of our illustrations shows a combing towel. This is so easily made that one could make half a dozen, to give to friends, and feel that very little time had been expended and yet such a useful article had been made. Select



COMBING TOWEL.

fine damask towels with nice heavy fringe. Fold over so that the fringes lie together. Then cut a hole in the center large enough to go comfortably around the neck and button. Slant off the space on either side of neck hole, to the edge of towel, and seam up, forming shoulder seams. Then cut an opening from neck to fringe, in the front portion, and make three button-holes on one side and put three pearl buttons on the other. Simply hem the fronts and neck. If you care to make it more elaborate, embroider comb and brush on one side of front, and a cluster of hairpins on the other.

other.

Country-house visiting has become such an institution in these days that there are few people who do not spend at any rate a few days in the year among their friends and relations.

One spare room, at least, is an absolute essential in all well-to-do houses now, and the housewife who really takes a pride in her essential in all well-to-do houses now, and the

One spare room, at least, is an absolute essential in all well-to-do houses now, and the housewife who really takes a pride in her establishment should manage to make it one of the prettiest bedrooms in the house. It is generally daintily furnished, and to all outward appearance leaves little to be desired. Yet many visitors whose stay in the house would otherwise be very pleasant, have to endure endless discomforts, which a little foresight and tact would entirely obviate.

However small a visitor's room may be, it is always advisable to squeeze a writing table into it. Many people prefer writing in their own rooms, where they can be quiet and undisturbed, and a hostess should see that they are duly provided with writing materials. The inkstand should be full, the paper rack and blotting book well supplied, new pens should be in the holders, there should be a penwiper, and also an almanac with the correct day of the month indicated, and a waste paper basket under the table.

A graceful fern in a pretty pot placed on

A graceful fern in a pretty pot placed on the writing table and a small one on the mantlepiece would improve the appearance

mantlepiece would improve the appearance of any room, however pretty.

The bookcase should be filled with books suitable to the taste of the occupant, and there should be a few current magazines left in the room—not back numbers, but up-to-date ones. The houses where people have the best times and where they want to go again, are the free and easy ones, where the hostess plans various forms of amusement and entertainment for her guests, and lets them choose those that suit guests, and lets them choose those that suit them best, or stay quietly in the house and read or rest. In other words, where they feel "at home."

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It was a hippant Englishman who observed "This civilization of ours is all well enough but hardly up to date, don't you know." And when we read all the doings in China and the mobs at home we are almost compelled to endorse the spirit of his remark.

Another scientist has come to the front with a method of extracting gold from common white sand. He will doubtless find himself badly handicapped by the experience of those who invested heavily in the company that was to find gold in the salty water a year or two

The Christmas story like the poor is always with us. No one has equalled Dickens in his fun and pathos. His Christmas Carols will bear rereading as often as the Christmas season comes around. No better expression of the spirit of the day can be made than Tiny Tim's "God bless us all."

Observant people notice that the last few years have shown a wonderful increase in the number of readers of good books in the rural districts. In the villages and hamlets of the country many reading clubs have been formed and the book purchasers now number hundreds where dozens were not found a little while ago. Publishers who have been acquainting the public with their books only through city dailies will soon learn that many of their most profitable customers are found in remote regions and among people whose access to daily papers is very irregular.

After five years spent in a journey around the globe, Mark Twain has returned to America. He recently commented upon the thing that impressed him most forcibly in America. We are, he says, "The Ungrammatical Nation." The bad English is not confined to the illiterate but college professors, ministers and editors, the intellectual aristocracy of the nation constantly violate all the rules of rhetoric and gram-

the mad rush of the age. A recent writer attributes the change in women's manners to the disuse of the fan. This weapon of the coquette was once an indispensable article. The modern woman has hardly time to fan herself or to use the fan as an expression of moods. A bit of old time pleasantry was a fan drill, in which each motion was significant from the command "Flutter your fans" to the last "Ground your fans." The suggestion that a Chair of Courtesy be established in women's colleges was intended as a rebuke to the women who believe that education and business opportunities excuse a disregard for the graces of living. If a fan drill were allowed to be introduced as a part of the athletic training that women affect, a part of the work of the "courtesy professor" might be saved.

The mosquito has been universally hated and detested upon its own merits. He did once

necessary about the little pest without making statements that were fit to print. Now it seems that science has fastened upon the insect who has been only annoying, the responsibility of propagating fevers. The experiments made by two physicians who summered upon the deadly Roman plains, have convinced them that a person protected from the bite of the mosquito was immune from the fever. Other experiences and experiments seem to firmly establish the theory as a fact. For some time scientists have studied means of exterminating the mosquito. Now that it has been found to be a menace to health as well as an annoyance, all efforts will be bent towards the extermination of the deadly insect.

The old saying that Christme: comes but once a year is subject to individual interpretation. It is a relief or a regret as the spirit of the individual may determine. The man who feels compelled by circumstance and custom to spend large sums of money in Christmas offerings to all and each who may be in his employ thinks with a grateful air, "Thank heaven it comes but once a year." The woman who wears herself out in trying to carry out the idea that a gift should be personal handiwork breathes a sigh of thankfulness that after all "Christmas comes but once a year." The optimistic person who witnesses the general "good-will-to-men," sport of the season regrets that the day that calls forth all this display of kindliness comes but once a year. It is the expression of our thought for others that makes the spirit of the day beautiful. It is the giving because we wish it and not because it is expected that furnishes the personal pleasure. Not all the abuses and extravagances and excesses with which we have grown to surround the season can take from it its kindly glow.

That people would not go to see Shakespeare played has been a popular idea of late years. This winter has seen a genuine Shakesperian revival. In New York, Richard Mansfield has revival. In New York, Richard Mansfield has put Henry V. upon the stage with a magnificence of stage furnishings and costumes never equalled in America and not exceeded in Europe. Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and many of Shakespeare's comedies have been seen for the first time in years. The stage of this winter is distinctly literary. More than half the new plays are book adaptations. David Harum, Janice Meredith, Richard Carvel and To Have and to Hold were last season's ropuler books. and to Hold were last season's popular books and are this season's popular plays. In fact it would be hard to name a book that has won any would be hard to name a book that has won any degree of popularity which has not been put upon the stage. These appeal to the popular interest of the moment but are an advance both intellectually and morally from the "problem plays" that have filled the stage. The best and most helpful part of the literary departure of the stage lies, however, in the vogue of Shakespeare. No better test of the strong human interest of the great master can be found than that shown through the interest that children always take in a Shakesperian play. The number of children in the theaters during the winter has been noticeable and it is the Shakespeare play that has brought them. peare play that has brought them.

There seems to be a peculiar thought transference as to ways and means of raising money for churches, charitable work, etc. The old time list included such recreations as necktie socials, box socials, poverty parties, donkey parties, sheet and pillow case parties and all weird and grotesque combinations of fun and finance. No sooner did one form of money making develop itself than the whole population seemed to be familiar with the idea and from Eastport to Sitka the dimes and dollars of the great American people were coaxed from their pockets by similar entertainments. The latest, newest and most exhilarating development of the old idea is the popular "Rummage Sale." All the odds and ends of the garrets, good, bad and indifferent are gathered. What one person has cast aside may just suit the need of his neighbor. The sale appeals to a few wellknown weaknesses of human nature. First and foremost is the possibility of a bargain. Then who does not enjoy a rummage in the attic! To be able to inspect the spoils of a whole neighborhood of atties is a temptation too strong for average humanity and therefore the rummage ale finds a ready market for the "rummage" and a store of shekels for the object of the sale. What a place of disposal for the ill chosen and superfluous offerings that Kriss Kringle brings in his pack.

ly violate all the rules of rhetoric and grammatical construction. A certain New England clergyman used to be known to the frivolous summer visitors as "Should have went," this being a favorite expression of his. This is but a single illustration of the careless English that makes us deserving of the title that Mark Twain bestows.

Periodically the cry goes up that grace and courtesy and leisure are all being sacrificed in the mad rush of the age. A recent writer at busy down town section and a large club numbering fifteen hundred women have established a lunch room in the heart of the shopping district. Quiet, good service and a pleasant place to rest are to be found at both these clubs. place to rest are to be found at both the for women away from home for the day gains added strength in the rural districts. The farmer's men away from home for the day gains added strength in the rural districts. The farmer's wife who wished to drive into town with her husband has often been obliged to give up the expedition as she had no place to stay after her shopping was finished. The average hotel made no provision for her and if she had no near friend to "drop in" upon she found herself literally in the street. It was easier to stay at home and so the day that might have brought needed change into her life was given up. In many small towns the women's clubs have taken the initiative in fitting up a "rest room" for the farmers' wives. A cozy room with comfortable chairs, a couch, heat and light, is fitted up in some central location. Many towns have farmers sheds where horses Many towns have farmers sheds where horses may be driven under cover and cared for dur-ing the stop in town. Many of the shed owners gladly give a room for this purpose and the merchants of the town contribute towards its detested upon its own merits. He did once achieve a feeble literary distinction through a great writer's "Ode to a Mosquito". With great unanimity he has been declared odious by people who felt they could say all that was merchants of the town contribute towards its furnishings. In many places like this it is possible to procure a cup of tea or a light lunch. The idea is a most excellent one. It is practical from the business point of view for it attracts trade. It is philanthropic in spirit for

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Japan is a country of oddities, and its people are noted for their love of dwarf nature, producing in the minute all forms of trees, flowers, etc. Their marvelous ingenuity shows in everything that they undertake of this kind, and a success of theirs, which is very little known, is their training of singing insects.

In almost all countries singing birds are esteemed, but it is only in Japan that the musical sounds emitted by insects are appreciated; and for many centuries it has been a custom of the Japanese to listen to these musical singers.

In any of the Japanese cities in the spring time, and way into the month of June, one sees suspended under the verandas of the houses little cages of bamboo, from which break upon the silence of the fresh twilight the strange whistling of metallic modulations and light trills which fill the air with delicate and delicious music. The Japanese hour of bath is in the evening, and after this refreshment it is the custom of the Japanese to sit upon the verandas, clad in kimonos, and listen to the music of these minute songsters.

The most prized of these singular insects is the suzumushi, which means in Japanese, insect bell, and the sound of its voice is that of a tiny silver bell. It is a little black beetle with a long flat body. delicious music. The Japanese hour of bath is

The kutsuwamushi is so named because its cry resembles the sound of a horse champing line of commerce which is bit. Of this insect there are two species, Japanese archipelago.

one colored a light vellow, and the other green

There are several other singing insects which are highly esteemed, and mostly of the grass-hopper family. Some of the sounds emitted are varied strident noises, while others are re-

are varied strident noises, while others are remarkable for shrillness or clearness. One insect sings only at midnight, and the sound is that of a far away clock; and it has a Japanese name equivalent to midnight chimes.

In the city of Tokio, there are over forty merchants who deal only in singing insects. The commerce itself is of recent origin, although the people have delighted in the training of these insects and have listened to them. though the people have delighted in the training of these insects and have listened to them for many centuries; and it is no uncommon sight, especially among the more conservative Japanese who preserve the ways of the ancient regime, to see little parties of picturesque Japanese in their native costume, extended on mats, drinking tea, and listening with rapt attention to the various sounds emitted from the little bamboo cages placed on stands in front of them. About one hundred years ago. front of them. About one hundred years ago, a Japanese named Choso, following the usual Japanese custom, had collected in the season a Japanese custom, had collected in the season a number of these singing beetles. He placed them in a large vase, and entirely forgot them; and found early the next spring nearly one hundred young beetles had hatched out. He became interested in this fact, and from these one hundred bred a large number the next season. From this accident sprang the breeding of these beetles, and their artificial propagation; so that for a century these insects have been bred for the express purpose of singing. been bred for the express purpose of singing, the same as dealers in our own country breed canaries. Gradually this has evolved into a line of commerce which extends over the entire

A BLIND MUSICIAN.

attracted A man who has attracted great notice to himself is Charles D. Evans, of Janesville, Wis. who is now traveling in the West, and his ap-pearance on the street creates a profound impression.

Not only is Mr. Evans a musician of rare talent, but combines with this a high order of inventive genius, which he has brought to bear on his own life in such a manner that he is rapidly acquiring a fortune through his performances upon his remarkable mechanical musical inarrive in the has perfected an instrument, or rather a lot of instruments, which are compactly carried in a little four wheeled cart, and which by a species of clock work are so united that they play together in unison or separately as the operator, who is Mr. Evans, may wish. He can produce the effect of a whole orchestra, and it is said the most complicated part is that and it is said the most complicated part is that which produces the effects of the tenor and bass drums. Mr. Evans says himself that he spent several years perfecting this one part. Besides giving unique concerts upon his musical invention, Mr. Evans sings with a sweet tenor voice to the accompaniment of a guitar. tenor voice to the accompaniment of a guitar. He is also a famous violin player. The violin, which he picked up in Philadelphia, bears the faded writing on the inside showing it was made by Giovanni Grancino, Milan, 1721. Grancino was one of the most noted of violin makers, and the present instrument, picked up in a Philadelphia second-hand store, is worth a small fortune.

It is almost wonderful what a man deprived of his sight is often able to do. Not only has great music offer which gives the best sheet Mr. Evans accomplished what is above shown in the musical line, but he has learned to converse in two languages, reads the blind system of his sight is often able to do. Not only has Mr. Evans accomplished what is above shown in the musical line, but he has learned to con-

uses the typewriter as well as the most expert stenographers. He also writes in two systems the blind.

for the blind.

He has a taste for high literature, and beside having read a great deal, he has produced two or three creditable compositions for the violin, and written some poetry. Musical critics who have heard his violin compositions say that the Voice of the Wind is a very pathetic and soothing piece in the minor key. In the Christmas Carol, another piece for the violin, he has very successfully imitated the laughter and play of children at Christmas, the singing of the lullaby, the coming of Santa Claus, the filling of the stockings, and the early carols. This would be a very striking piece written by any one in full possession of his faculties; but produced by a man hampered by blindness, it is a little short of wonderful.

In Thinking of the Holidays.

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Hundreds of letters might be printed which would show the pleasure that Comport readers have received by having taken advantage of the



BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

EVERAL interesting inventions have recently been added to the list of bicycle improvements and I shall give you several; only don't ask me for addresses because I cannot give them. A feature of the "Electra" a French automobile driven by a motor which obtains its power from a galvanic battery, is the truss frame, in which the rear axle is done away with, the driving wheels being hung independently on each side. This device was necessitated in order to make room beneath the seat for the motor and the battery. This vehicle, which has a traveling radius of about 37 miles, weighs but 378 pounds.

This device is illustrated herewith. Col. Pope of "Columbia" fame exhibits something much like it.

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The evident adaptability of the automobile to the ordinary uses of the physician has resulted in the appearance of fully half a dozen different types of doctor's buggy, many of them entirely too heavy for the work which they will be called on to perform. The builders of the "Aesculapius" the small, strong and compact vehicle shown in the accompanying illustration appear to have struck the right chord. This self propelled carriage, despite its small size, is quite capable of performing its professional duties and of being used meantime as a pleasure-driving turnout. Measuring over all but 6.5x4.4 feet, its weight, without passengers, is but 440 pounds. It has a two-speed gear, and is capable of a maximum speed of 17 miles an hour. This compact little vehicle is a hill climber par excellence, the low-speed gear being used on all heavy up grades. It would appear, therefore, that this buggy is particularly suitable for country physicians.

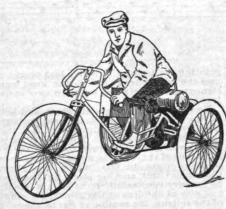
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The wheel has done much for humanity in the way of recreation and in the promotion of health, but its proudest record is what it has accomplished in the good roads movement. A city's attractiveness, its availability as a place for manufacturing and commerce and its prosperity generally depends to a large extent on the condition of its avenues of communication. What is true regarding the city can be asserted with more force in speaking of the farming section. Good roads bring the farmer's market almost to his dooryard.

The wheel has been a benefactor to the merchants, to the manufacturer and to the farmer in its successful work for better roads. The bicycle is no longer a "fad" to be ridiculed and abused. It is a factor in the progress toward a higher civilization. It ought not to be necessary to say that rapid and easy transit on land is absolutely impossible without good roads.

The first step toward a decided improvement in the construction of roads is to develop a sense of their badness. The bicycle made its first appearance in America at the time of the centennial, and it found the roads of this country in a shocking condition. Drivers of horses are not close observers of the highway, and they were not awake to the need of improvements. Wheelmen are close and frequent observers of the roads. In their excursions they obtain a personal and often excruciating sense of the imperfections of the roadways. They feel the jolt from every hole, they have to tug hard at it over every sandy section, and every muddy spot is a muscle strainer. They see a bad road, as it were, with a magnifying glass, and their anatomy pays for it. Wheelmen used to have no regard whatever for the opinion of a road given by a non-rider. They had their ideas of a perfect roadway, and they began to preach the gospel of good roads. They organized as the League of American Wheelmen, and began to work for the creation of a healthy public opinion in favor of better roadways. They were persistently aggressive. roads.

The first step toward a decided improvement



DOCTOR'S AUTO-CARRIAGE.

They knew how to agitate, to petition and to memorialize. To lethargic or ill-informed road commissioners they supplied needed information plans and specifications for desired improvements. They flooded the country with literature upon the good roads question. They sent lecturers to talk upon the subject. They went to legislatures and asked for highway laws. They went to Congress and persuaded that body to add a road inquiry bureau to the agricultural department. Wheelmen were called events at first, but they kept pounding

that body to add a road inquiry bureau to the agricultural department. Wheelmen were called cranks at first, but they kept pounding away, and they would be heard.

And now after many years of agitation we see better roads all over the country. The wheelman was the pioneer in the movement for good roads and he is still its most earnest advocate. In his organized capacity he is still educating the public and he is pointing to the object lessons which the good roads of Massachusetts, of New Jersey, of New York and Pennsylvania present.

In any statement about the commercial as-

pect of the development of the bicycle industry, some preference should be made to the financial advantages of good roads. To comprehend the far-reaching financial benefits of good roads, one has but to consider that throughout the United States there are more than 1,000,000 miles of highway and that the saving of a few cents per mile in the cost of hauling produce to and from railway stations and shipping points would in one year mount up to a sum sufficient for the construction of a majority of the roads now needed east of the Mississippi.

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As the success of one leading merchant assists hundreds of smaller concerns, so the healthful development of a new industry is of material advantage to those who supply the increased demand in special lines. The perfection of the bicycle has opened a large market for steel and rubber, has resulted in revolutionizing the method of drawing seamless steam tubes, and has wonderfully improved the manufacture of rubber goods. Instead of importing tubing from England, as was done in the early days of the trade, this product is supplied now by American makers, and some of it for the purpose is better than any other tubing now known. It took years to advance from the old-fashioned solid rubber tire to the single tube tire of to-day. This one line of development has cost a great deal of money, both in the way of experimentation and in the equipment of plants. There are hundreds of patent devices covering tires, and the method



ELECTROMOBILE WITHOUT AN AXLE.

of attaching them to the fellies of the wheel.

To the merchant, the professional man, clerks
who sit all day at their desks, tired sales women, who sit all day at their desks, thet sates who, artisans, mechanics, laborers who desire to reach their morning work more promptly and to return home in season at night, the wheel is an incalculable source not only of pleasure but

also of utility.

Of bicycling it may be said that it is a more pleasing and altogether desirable form of recreation than, in many instances, it appears to be.

Were Burns writing to-day I feel assured he

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us To see oursel's as others see us! I'm sure it would induce the 'scorcher' To quit 'that hump' of seeming torture."

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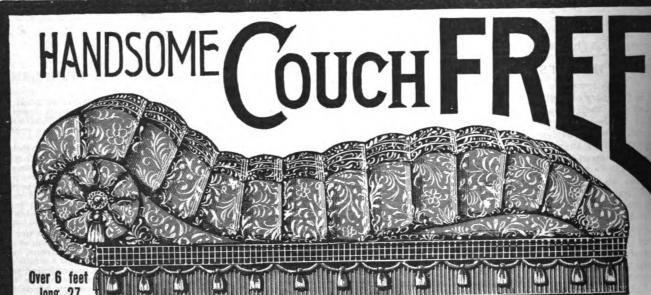




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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Here we are again at the holiday season, with our hearts full of the desire for the happiness of others and our hands full of work which is to help us in giving that happiness, co I'll not detain you with any further remarks but will open my budget of letters at once.

The first one gives us a pleasant treat in the description of the plantation home of our noted General, Joseph Wheeler. I have found it very in-

"There is nothing of interest in the appearance of the little yellow depot, the two store buildings or the half a dozen dwelling houses clustered near the station; but as the train rounds the curve and rolls in sight of the depot, and the goodnatured flagman shouts, 'Wheeler Station!' the passengers rush to the car windows and platform



THE HOME OF GENERAL WHEELER.

and eagerly ask Sambo, who has 'jes come down to de dipo to see de chars pass', to point out the plantation home of 'Fighting Little Joe'.

"Wheeler Station is situated in Lawrence county, Alabama, on the Memphis and Chattanooga division of the Southern railroad. The little village was named in honor of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, whose home for many years has been on a plantation which surrounds the village. Some three hundred yards south of the depot stands the old Wheeler homestead, which is a large two-story frame structure of anti-bellum design. The magnificent



GRAVES OF MRS. WHEELER AND HER SON.

mahogany furniture within is as anti-bellum in appearance as the house itself, while the grand staircase reminds one of some celebrated architecture of past centuries. The picture gallery contains pictures of General Wheeler from childhood to the present day, besides numerous pictures of the other members of the Wheeler family.

"A short distance south of the house is the Wheeler graveyard where members of the general's immediate family and a number of other relatives lie sleeping. The general's wife, who died in Washington city in 1896, sleeps in this old plantation cemetery and her grave is marked by a monument of Georgia marble some twenty-five feet

high. To the left of Mrs. Wheeler's grave is that of the general's son, Thomas Wheeler, who was drowned while in bathing at Montauk Point, N. Y., at the close of the Spanish-American war.

"On the north of the house, extending to the railroad, is a magnificent forty-acre grove of gigantic oaks which have witnessed the changing scenes of many decades. In this grove is a spring of immense size which supplies the engines on the Southern Railroad with water. During the war between the states there were camped in this grove from time to time the armies of General Albert Sidney Johnston, General Forrest, General Hood, General Buell and many others of lesser note.

"The plantation contains seventeen thousand acres and is one of the largest and most fertile plantations in the south. About half of it is under cultivation and the annual cotton crop, to say nothing of the corn, amounts to about fifteen hundred bales. The plantation is cultivated by negro 'shore-cropers' under the wise and careful superintendence of the general's oldest daughter, Miss Lucy Louise Wheeler. In the absence of Miss Wheeler the plantation is superintended by Toney Davis, a trusty colored man.

"During General Wheeler's long term of service in the United States' Congress he always would spend his vacations at this quiet plantation with his family, and it was there, in that dreamy old home, surrounded by stately trees and beautiful flowers, that all of the general's congressional campaigns were planned."

WILL W. NELSON, New Decatur, Ala.

Our next letter takes us among the "Moon-shiners" of Tennessee.

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"In Appalachian America, called by a recent writer, 'Uncle Sam's backyard,' and which extends from West Virginia to southern Georgia, a constant warfare is being waged between the illicit distillers, poetically called 'Moonshiners', and



A MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY.

a small army of revenue officers. The average moonshiner is a rough-looking individual at all times, although it is seldom the outside world gets more than a passing glimpse of him, except when luck has been against him, and he has been dragged from his lair to have justice meted out to him in the Federal Courts. There are those among them however who, like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, lead dual lives, administering the law as Justices of the Peace, or constables, and breaking it as manufacturers of whiskey, 'sub rosa' (sub luna rather). The fiery 'mountain dew' finds ready sale in the lowlands, retailed by trusted agents of the distillers. They do not regard themselves as law breakers, and look upon the government machinery for their suppression as unjust and oppressive. And still they are highly patriotic, and proved their loyalty by fighting to a man, almost, for the Union, in the civil war. Their homes, in most cases, are huts, primitive indeed, which cling like swallowness to the mountainside, surrounded by almost perpendicular 'patches' of corn, potatoes, tobacco or sorghum. "Science cuts no appreciable figure in the con-

huts, primitive indeed, which cling like swallownests to the mountainside, surrounded by almost perpendicular 'patches' of corn, potatoes, tobacco or sorghum.

"Science cuts no appreciable figure in the concotion of their forbidden product. They, as their fathers before them, content themselves with the simplest of tools. A brief description of a deserted still seen by the writer on Unacoi mountain will furnish some idea of their primitive methods. A hut of rough logs was tucked snugly between the sides of a ravine and completely hidden by dense thickets of laurel and ivy. The shutterless door disclosed a lot of tubs and kegs, a piece of coiled copper wire, and a huge iron kettle. This completed the outfit of a moonshiner whose 'establishment' was in flourishing running order until within a few days of our visit, a threatened raid from 'them revenue fellows' having frightened off the owners. Not always do the brave officers secure such a bloodless victory as in this instance, however. Many of them are met by armed resistance, and often lose their lives in the discharge of their dangerous duties. The moonshiners, strange to say, are often deeply religious, and when a number of them are in jail together will pass their time in loud singing and prayer. Taken as a class they are a singular people, and present the most startling moral contrasts. They prove the importance of environment in a topographical sense and but for those blue barriers that shut them in from progress and civilization would be as well educated, as lawabiding and as commonplace and uninteresting as the more or less cultured denizens of the valley which the railroad, college and fashion plates have made just like the rest of the world.

"Communication with the outside world will alone solve the problem upon whose solution the government is spending large amounts of money, and the lives of many of its officials; but it will doubtless be many years yet 'ere civilization penetrates to these mountains."

Rose Lame Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

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Here are a few words from a North Carolina

Here are a few words from a North Carolina Dousin:

"Dare, the most eastern county in North Carolina, named in honor of the first English child born on American soil, is also the most interesting. While its surface is mostly water, its land area consists of long, narrow peninsulars and islands.

"More than three hundred years ago a colony sent by Sir Walter Raleigh and commanded by Gov. John White, landed at Roanoke, one of the principal islands. After laying out the city of Raleigh, on the northern side of the island, they made Mantoe, the brave-hearted Indian, with the title 'Lord of Roanoke', the first American baron. In a few weeks after the settlement was made Elenora Dare, Gov. White's daughter, gave birth to an infant, who was christened Virginia, after the territory named in honor of Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen of England.

"In a few days after this event White, realizing the needs of his people, went to England in their interest. He was delayed for some time, and when he again landed on the lonely island his people had all disappeared. On a tree in rude letters was the word 'Croaton'; this, with some scattered bones were the only visible signs that life had ever been on the island, and the strange disappearance of the people is still veiled in mystery.

"A romantic conjecture is that they took refuge with the Croatons, a tribe of Indians on the mainland, that Elenora Dare taught the savage children, and a pale-faced, blue-eyed tribe still exists, thought to be the offsprings of Virginia."

PAULINE CLARK, Oak Ridge, N. C.

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I also thank Minnie Beach, of Calhoun County, Illinois, for a pleasant letter.

I am sure of a warm welcome from all my nieces and nephews for anything from Porto Rico, so I am glad to have the following letter for you. One thing I would like to say before you read it, however, and that is, that although we do, most of us, call the island "Porto Rico" the official spelling of the name, as decided by the National Board on Geographic Names, and later by the President of the United States, is the same as that used by the inhabitants of the island, "Puerto Rico."

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"The island of Porto Rico, as Americans call it, though the Spanish is Puerto Rico, meaning 'rich port', covers an area of three thousand seven hundred square miles. The length of the island is ninety-five miles, width thirty-five miles, and the coast line measures three hundred and seventy miles. When discovered by Columbus in 1493 the natives of Puerto Rico were Caribs of the Indian race. It was not a large race and gradually decreased in numbers until it entirely disappeared early in the present century, though many traces of it are still found in the peasant class called Peons.

"At present the population consists of Spaniards, Negroes and Creoles, and numbers by the census taken last winter 953,243 persons. It is the most densely populated of our new possessions, averaging two hundred and sixty-four persons to the square mile.

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"In the earliest days of record, the island was the scene of many attacks from buccaneers and pirates and several unsuccessful freebooting excursions were made against it after the Spanish had conquered the aborigines early in the sixteenth century. An English attack was made upon San Juan, the capital, in 1475, but it was repulsed. For over one hundred years after that, with the exception of a revolution in 1820, the island was free from war. As everyone knows, the United States easily wrested it from Spanish control in 1898.

"It has evidently been the desire of Spanish property owners and officials to keep the outside world in ignorance of the rich attractions of Puerto Rico. This gem of the sea, one of the loveliest and most fertile islands of the world, abounding in natural resources and advantages, beautiful in scenery and delightful in climate, was very little known to the United States previous to its acquisition. To the traveler from the States, especially from the northern section, arriving in winter, the appearance is delightfully inviting with its suggestion of perpetual spring. In the picture-sque beauty of its hills and valleys and its charming dress of luxuriant vegetation, its masses of gorgeously colored flowers and its stately trees of the plains and mountains, the natural attractions of the plains and mountains, the natures at a series of the plains and sunshine, flowers and smiles."

Robert W. Lindenstruth.

Troop G.,

Barre, Vermont, is a very interesting place to visit in the summer, but in December I much pre-

visit in the summer, but in December I much pre-fer visiting it, as we are doing, by proxy.

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"There are about ten thousand inhabitants and the business men pull together in their successful efforts to continue the health, growth and prosperity of the city, while the large number of fine residences tell their own story of rewarded labor. "The educational system is excellent. One of the model graded schools cost about \$48,000. The Goddard Seminary, named in honor of T. A. Goddard of Boston who contributed \$10,000 toward its erection, with its nice grounds and tasteful fountain, adds a pretty finishing touch to the town. "The vast amount of beautiful granite of superior quality, about eighty acres of which have already been uncovered, is largely responsible for the phenomenal growth of the city within the past few years. There are at present seventy-five quarries in operation, giving employment to about three thousand men. One of these quarries is said to be the largest monumental quarry in the world. Barre granite, when polished, is a dark blue gray, very rich and beautiful in appearance, and as its durability is unsurpassed there is a large demand for it for mausoleums, vaults, monoliths and so forth from all parts of the United States. The equestrian statue of General Grant in Lincoln Park stands on a base of this granite, and the Crucifix monument standing in the Catholic cemetery of Pine Hill, New York, a superb work of art and the



STATUE OF ROBERT BURNS

largest crucifix monument in the world cut from a single stone, is of Barre granite. Twenty pair of horses were required to draw this monument from the railroad to its present resting place. The famous Rockefeller monument is also of Barre granite.

"Barre uses the best and most modern machinery for working its quarries, and one of its derricks is

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"Years passed by, the war came and freed his negroes. His wife died and his children were scattered in different parts of the state. Finally the old man was stricken down with fever and died. None of his children lived near him and his neighbors were preparing to put his body in the ground beside that of his wife; but his son heard of his father's death and hastened home to carry out his father's death and hastened home to carry out his father's instructions. He had the old coffin brought out from the tiny house, placed his father's oby within it and restored it to the house, sealing it up as he had been directed.

"The tiny old house containing the coffin is standing now, but the old man's bones were not allowed to rest in peace. A young medical student once took the skull and kept it awhile, but it is said that the old man's spirit would not let him have any peace till he had returned it. People passing through that section of the country would go out of their way to see the place, and many of them carried away with them as souvenirs, bones of the poor old sinner. This story is a true one. Any one i

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O book-lovers few places are more inter-esting than the home of one of the earliest masters of the "art preservative of arts," the Plantin Museum at Antwerp. Very lit-tle is known definitely tle is known definitely about the invention of printing—some writers giving the credit to one, and some to other aspirants. Gutenberg is commonly spoken of as the first printer from movable types, though his claim is questioned. Unfortunately, none of the questioned. Unfortunately, none of the implements of the earliest days of the art have been preserved. Gutenberg's house at Mayence is now a beershop, and the shops of other old printers have long been destroyed or long been destroyed or

devoted to other uses. The Plantin Museum is the only old printing-office that is still preserved. It was bought by the city of Antwerp in 1876, from the last member of the founder's family, for 120,000 francs. It is the least imposing of Antwerp's public buildings, giving no hint from the outside of the treasures that are to be seen within. Over the door is a little tablet, bearing the device of Plantin, the founder of the house. It is a hand emerging from clouds holding an open compass which is encircling Plantin's trade-mark "Labore et Constantia," labor and patience. It is an appropriate motto for its user. The Plantin Museum is the only old print-

Plantin was born in 1514 in France, where he Plantin was born in 1514 in France, where he learned and also taught printing and bookbinding. In 1548 he moved to Antwerp with his family where in time he gained a reputation of being a skillful decorator. One night he was mistaken by a ruffian for another man and was stabbed, and was forever disabled from working at his trade. In 1555 he had established a printing office but at that time the

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tries and antique furniture adorn the other apartments, for Plantin was more than a mere printer; he was an artist and surrounded him-

printer; he was an artist and surrounded himself with beautiful examples of the work of his day. In showcases in some of the rooms are exhibited examples of Plantin's work, and that of his engravers.

Facing on a side street are the shops where the books were sold; the shelves still filled with rare and curious volumes. On the walls are posted lists of prohibited books, and laws regarding the sale of books products of the posted lists of prohibited books, and laws regarding the sale of books, products of the Plantin office. In the corner is the chair in which the shop-boy sat, and announced the advent of customers to Plantin's daughters, who kept the store. Then there is the room for the correctors of the press, and on the walls portraits of the dignified and scholarly men who edited and supervised the texts that were printed there, and for wages that seem to us ridiculously small, sometimes as little as two or three florins a volume. The printing-room is beyond, with its row of seven rude handpresses, and type-cases and stands occupying the remainder of the space. To the modern printer it seems impossible that from this meagre equipment such an array of beautiful books could be produced. Yet some of these books are still beautiful specimens of printing and engraving, and far surpass some more and engraving, and far surpass some more modern examples. Besides the printing-office there are two rooms where the type was moulded. Plantin was accustomed to pay the best engravers to cut the moulds for his types, which his workmen moulded. Here are ex-



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hibited the kettles and tools used by them. From an artistic point of view it is doubtful if the work of these early designers of type will ever be equalled; in fact, most of the popular styles of type of the present day are copied from these old designs.

But one of the most interesting rooms in the

museum for the most interesting rooms in the museum for the book-lover is the library. Plantin's own library of over fourteen thousand volumes contains hundreds that are among the rarest known to bibliomaniaes. And besides the printed books, which contain among others the Bible which was Gutenburg's greatest work there are preserved the record greatest work, there are preserved the record books, account books, and much of the cor-respondence of Plantin himself. The more valuable and interesting of these papers have been edited and published by the direction of the museum.

These records are of especial interest. Rich as the museum is in relics of the domestic life of the times, these records give an account of Plantin's life that could never otherwise have Plantin's life that could never otherwise have been obtained. He was evidently a most methodical man, and in these records are found his correspondence with artists, scholars, and authors, his weekly bills of workmen, his inventories and other business papers; his letters to the King of Spain, urging that worthy to pay his bills; his bills from type-founders and engravers; his appeals to money-lenders and book-sellers who wanted too much discount; his dealings with authors and editors, and other interesting documents. Books in those days were sold at what seems now pitifully low prices, but the cost of manufacture was in proportion. Printers and editors were paid very low wages, to say nothing of authors—who were often only too glad of an opportunity to have their books published. Designing and engraving were also much cheaper and book-sellers were allowed a very small margin of profit.

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Plantin is not known as the greatest printer of his time, but as the greatest publisher. In technical points he was outdone by rivals in France and the Netherlands; but as a publisher he stands alone. During his life he brought forth more than sixteen hundred editions. By far the greater part of the books read in the 16th century were theological, and Plantin accordingly caused himself to be appointed the official printer of the books of the Roman Catholic church. A permit was given him by the Pope, but his way was beset with difficulties and after he began to print he was obliged to pay ten per cent. of his receipts to the Roman printer who held the privilege. But he persevered and though kept in financial straits for a lifetime, his successors grew rich on a for a lifetime, his successors grew rich on a monopoly which they held for over two hun-

dred years.
It is with deep regret that one passes from the door of the museum, leaving behind the dreamy days of the 16th century to mingle in the throng of the present day once more.

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His death will bring great regret to many readers of his charming

books, while his personal friends must have their great sense of loss lessened a little by memories of the sunshine of his presence when he was with them.

Charles Dudley Warner left behind him as a

charles Dudley warner left behind him as a record of his literary work a long list of books in which there was none of the cynicism, none of the bitterness, none of the low moral tone that have marked the books of some more popular writers. Not that he was not popular, for he had a large following of admiring readers although none of his books ever created any. although none of his books ever created any-thing like a sensation in the world, nor did they have a phenomenal sale.

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This distinguished writer was born in Plainfield, Massachusetts, on the twelfth day of September, in the year 1829. The first thirteen years of his life were spent in Plainfield, and he then went with his widowed mother to Casenovia, New York, to live. He graduated from Hamilton College in the year 1851 and he gave evidence of his superior literary ability at this age by winning the English prize essay the year of his graduation. He contemplated devoting himself to literature and was to have had charge of a literary monthly to be published in Detroit, but the scheme for publishing the magazine was abandoned and Mr. Warner then joined a surveying party on the western frontier.

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Later he went to New York City where he
studied law, and although he was admitted to
the bar and practiced law for several years in
Chicago, it was evident that he had more of a
literary than a legal "bent," and when the position of assistant editor of the Hartford Press sition of assistant editor of the Hartford Press was offered him he accepted it and went to Hartford, Connecticut, where his home was for the remainder of his life. He traveled much abroad and his letters of foreign travel were so interesting that they attracted wide attention and brought the Hartford Courant, the paper in which they were published, into great prominence.

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In the year 1890 there appeared in the Courant a series of delightful sketches under the title of "My Summer in a Garden." When the series of sketches were completed Mr. Warner was induced to offer them to several publishers for the purpose of having them appear in book form, but the publishers seemed to "fight shy" of them and after one or two refusals Mr. Warner gave up offering them to publishers. Mr. Warner had for a near neighbor at this time Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, and one time when her famous brother, Henry Ward Beecher, was visiting her she invited Mr. Warner to meet him at her house. Something was said about the book Mr. Warner had refused and Mr. Beecher asked to see the copy of it. Mr. Beecher looked the copy of the book over and became most enthusiastic over it.

"This book shall be published," he said with decision. "I will write a preface for the book that will make it go."

He did this and the book did "go." It had a large sale and by many it is regarded as Mr. Warner's most delightful hook.

large sale and by many it is regarded as Mr. Warner's most delightful book. Lovers of fiction of a very high order have been delighted with his novel "A Little Journey Into the World," while his other ventures into the world of fiction have been remarkable for their world of fiction have been remarkable for their great purity of thought and graceful style. There are writers who could have been much better spared than Charles Dudley Warner could be spared. He made many friends while he was editor of the "Easy Chair" and the "Editor's Drawer" in Harper's Magazine. He was one of the most intimate friends of Mark Twain who was one of his neighbors in Hartford. It will be remembered that he and Mark Twain joined forces in writing "The Gilded Age." But the best work of neither writer appears in this book.

A very large number of American readers

A very large number of American readers will wish this writer whom they loved a joyful welcome at the "Gate Beautiful" through which he has gone into the "singing world of happiness".

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N the sixth of December occurs the feast of St. Nicholas, the patron of schoolboys. There of schoolboys. There is a curious custom in some English schools by which if a boy who is hard pressed calls out "Nic'las" he is al-

out "Nic'las" he is always entitled to a moment's suspension of hostilities. The name of St. Nicholas has become associated in our minds with Christmas perhaps because on his day it was formerly the

perhaps because on his day it was formerly the custom for parents to give presents secretly to their children. In Italy these presents are hidden in shoes or slippers, and perhaps the children themselves are responsible for the substitution of the more capacious stocking that is now provided for "St. Nick."

So many and so well known are the customs and traditions that cluster about Christmas that most of them need hardly to be recalled. On Christmas Eve the oxen are said to fall on their knees in their stalls at midnight, while the bees "sing" in their hives, and miners tell of the ringing of underground bells. It is said that Christmas is a holiday for all but the cooks who are always overworked in preparing the dishes that are reserved for this season of the year. The true Christmas pie should be

of mince meat and oblong in shape to represent the manger at Bethlehem. They are called "coffins" and their spicy taste is in recognition of the offerings made by the wise men of the East. There is an old proverb that says: "For every house in which a mince pie shall be eaten at the Christmas season, the eater shall enjoy a happy month in the coming year." But what of the days in the immediate present? The Druids held the mistletoe in great veneration and for this pagan association, perhaps, it

The Druids held the mistletoe in great veneration and for this pagan association, perhaps, it is not used with the holly and other winter plants in decorating the churches at Christmas tide. It is no less interesting, however, for being relegated to the kitchen where the young people always see to it that a sprig is to be found in some convenient spot.

The lighting of the Yule-Log was formerly believed to sanctify the roof-tree and it must be kindled with clean hands else it will not burn. And woe to the house upon whose hearth the Yule-Log smoulders or dies out. After it has burned throughout the night and the flames begin to flicker, it should be smothered and the fragment kept to light the next year's fire. In the north of England farmhouses the servants lay by a large, knotty block and while this burns on the hearth they are entitled to certain unusual privileges.

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Sir Walter Scott says that "those who are born on Christmas or Good Friday have the power of seeing spirits and even of commanding them."

On St. Stephen's Day, the twenty-eighth of

December, it was long customary to throw a piece of silver into the trough out of which the horses drank, to ensure prosperity to their

December twenty-eighth, the Holy Innocents Day is considered especially unlucky. An old writer warns us not to "put on a new suit, pare one's nails or begin anything on a Childermas-Day."

Other unlucky days that occur throughout the year are also given to us for our avoidance. They are the first Monday in April, which tradition says is the day on which Cain was born and his brother Abel slain; the second Monday in August, the day on which Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed; and the last Monday in December, the day on which Judas was born. The day of the week on which the fourteenth of May happens to fall is also unlucky for the remainder of that year.

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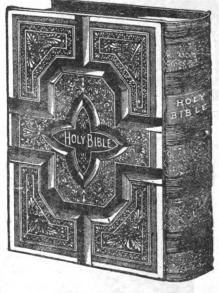
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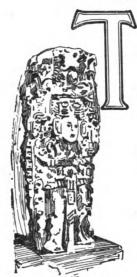
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HE scientific world of to-day anxiously awaits any discoveries which throw light upon the past history of mankind, his way of living, his religion, or his civilization. Every year travelers return from the unknown parts of the earth with new tales of buried cities, ruined temples and inscribed stones which tell of builders who have passed out of HE scientific world have passed out of the knowlege of the civilized world.

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Northern Ind ia,
with its ruined
Buddhist temples,
is giving us much of
such knowledge,
and Egypt is always
a source of pleasure
to the archaeologist,
but right here on but right here on our continent is the ruin of a city, buried

beneath centuries of dust, and having an unrevealed history which cannot fail to fascinate the lover of the mysterious, while to the archaeologist its revelations and its mysteries are daily telling more of the wonderful story of a civilization older perhaps than Egypt and of the people who lived and built and died while European man still dwelt in caves and used bits of bone for arrow heads.

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In many parts of Honduras are found traces of these people, the Maya people, they are called, but the place most interesting and richest in relies is the city of Copan. Long ago when the Spaniards were searching for gold in Central America and Mexico they found traces of this old civilization, but the accounts which

Central America and Mexico they found traces of this old civilization, but the accounts which they left of what they had seen are but brief and full of priestly traditions, for the accounts were usually written by the missionaries who tried to interpret all that they found in this land in the light of Bible history.

In a charming valley in the tropics, with high mountains rising on all sides and a river flowing near by, is the buried city of Copan, now being unearthed and brought to light that it may tell us the wonderful story of its history. This work is being done by the Peabody Museum of Harvard College. Copan is like several other buried cities of Yucatan in its general plan, but everything indicates that it was the oldest and most important of the Maya cities. As far back as 1576, a Spanish traveler told of this ruined city and added that the Indians about there seemed to have no traditions concerning it, so that even in the sixteenth century the memory of its glory had passed away.

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away. The valley in which Copan is situated is a level The valley in which Copan is situated is a level plain about seven miles long by two wide and through the city flows the Copan river. All over the plain are scattered the ruins of the stone houses where dwelt the nobles of the ancient kingdom. Paved streets and an extensive system of canals for sewerage show that the inhabitants of Copan were advanced in the art of city building. In the center of the city, on the bank of the Copan River, stand great mounds of ruins, evidently the temples of the people.

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The largest of these is a pyramid in shape and its four sides face the four cardinal points of the compass; but unlike the Pyramids of Egypt this seems not to have been built as a burying place but simply as an elevation on which to erect the places of worship. Where the river has swept away one side of the pyramid layer after layer of ruins are exposed showing that the temples which are now being unearthed are but the last and most highly developed production of a race who abandoned weloped production of a race who abandoned the old and used it as a foundation for the more advanced. Scientists are thus led to believe this valley of Copan was the center of the Maya



COVERED AND UNCOVERED MOUNDS.

civilization and that if the work is allowed to go on far enough the key to this ancient cul-ture will be found there.

In the time of its glory the summit of the pyramid was reached by stairways of the most wonderful dimensions and beautiful workman. pyramid was reached by stairways of the most wonderful dimensions and beautiful workmanship. In 1894 one of these stairways was discovered, covered with the debris of the temple above, which in falling had carried with it the upper part of the stairway itself, but the lower part was found intact, enabling us to form some idea of the grandeur of the scene in the days of its prime. Upon the face of each step are carvings in the hieroglyphs which, if we could read them, would tell us a wonderful history. The stairway is thirty feet wide and ascends to the top of the pyramid 130 feet above. At intervals in the center of the stairs are huge figures in stone, seated upon thrones and attired in elaborate robes, while along the parapets at the sides are other carved figures peering from the mouths of mystic monsters. The whole must have been a most impressive spectacle in the days of the city's splendor. On the summit of this central pyramid (for there are many smaller ones) are temples, not one but many. These are all buildings of great extent and the arched roofs display a thorough knowledge of the use of material as well as decoration. Everything in Copan is decorated. Hardly a stone is found but has its surface covered with figures and representa-

tions of strange and mystic designs. The monoliths, great stones standing alone, display this curious marking, and probably hold upon their surface much of the history of the race.

The tombs of an ancient people often tell much of their history and in Copan many tombs have been found closely connected with the houses of the wealthy. The burying cloths and even the skeletons themselves have crumbled away but many flint instruments, ornaments of obsidian and even pearl were found, beside beautiful specimens of pottery which in some cases were painted with figures of men and women and finished with a polish; all these things point to a high state of culture.

The history of Copan is still a closed book. Many years must pass before we can have an idea of the glory of its people. Perhaps never shall man know the secret of its destruction. Whether in the midst of battle its temples were razed and its inhabitants slain, or whether by the mere powerful forces of nature its struct.

Whether in the midst of battle its temples were razed and its inhabitants slain, or whether by the more powerful forces of nature its structures were shaken to the foundations and its people in terror obliged to flee—all this may never be revealed.

Long ere the Spanish of the sixteenth century spread their rule over southern North America, the fame of Copan must have faded, else the ever ambitious missionary or gold hunter would have heard of its glory and the story of its magnificence would have come to us together with the story of its overthrow or its conversion. No such tale, however, has reached us. Copan lived out its days in ignorance of European culture and cruelty. Its people lived and built and died without a knowledge of Spain or Egypt, and to-day we can but begin to read back into its ruins the story of its glory and its mystery. story of its glory and its mystery.

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ribbon should be used to tie each gift to the ree, and this ribbon should have one long end of the bow extending to the plate of the recipient of that particular gift. Thus there will be radiating circle of ribbons reaching from the ree to each plate, and the effect is both novel and charming.

The seat of each guest should be designated by a card at the plate.

The gifts should not be taken from the tree until the dessert has been served, and there is sure to be much guessing with regard to the contents of the various parcels. The wrapping will usually completely hide the nature of the contents, as the smallest article may perhaps look the largest if wrapped in several sheets of tissue paper. These gifts need not be expensive and it is surprising what dainty and really good selections may be made within the limit of a quarter of a dollar each, if one sets out to make such a selection with a degree of care.

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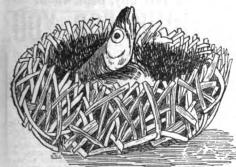
A similar decoration of ribbons is used in connection with a cornucopia arranged as a centerpiece, although in this case the gifts would be hidden from view until drawn. A large doll dressed as Santa Claus should be placed in the center of the table, holding or supporting the cornucopia, and the gifts should be tied with ribbons leading to the plates, as described for the tree. The cornucopia may be as large or as small as required for the number of gifts, and may be made from heavy paper and decorated.

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A FAMOUS CHRISTMAS PUNCH. One bottle raspberries, in liqueur. One bottle strawberries, in liqueur. One bottle cherries, brandied. Six bottles St. Julien claret. Three bottles good rum. Three dozen oranges.

Three dozen oranges.
Three dozen lemons.
One pound of sugar.
Four quart siphons of seltzer.
Cut two oranges and one lemon into small cubes and extract the juice from the remainder.
These cubes are to float in the punch bowl with the cherries, strawberries and raspberries.
Add sugar and when dissolved add claret and rum and last of all the seltzer. This recipe will serve a large number of guests, but it is easily divided so as to make a smaller quantity if desired.

We have been requested to give recipes for frying oysters and smelts, and our illustrations show some of the forms in which the latter may be fried and served.



JULIENNE POTATO NEST.

The potato nest is made of finely shredded raw potatoes which are called Julienne potatoes. For Julienne potatoes the potatoes should be cut and left standing in cold water for two hours before frying; they are then drained, dried between towels and fried in hot, deep fat, in a wire basket. To make the potato nest, place some of the finely shredded potato, after it has been dried between towels, into a four inch fine wire strainer, simply lining it. Then inch fine wire strainer set a three inch strainer of the same shape; this will keep the potatoes in shape while they are frying, which takes only a minute. Set the two strainers into the wire frying basket and carefully lower into the hot fat. When nicely browned remove from strainers and the potatoes will be shaped exactly like the small strainer, or like a nest. Repeat the operation until as many nests have been made as there are people to serve.

If a luncheon is to given, the nests could be made the day before and simply put into the oven for a moment before serving, and so lessen some of the work of the day on which the lunch is to be served.

Nests of this kind might, he used for fried The potato nest is made of finely shredded

lunch is to be served.

Nests of this kind might be used for fried smelts, scallops, or for creamed chicken, though

if anything is served which has a sauce, or is moist, there is a chance of the potatoes becoming soft and so losing their shape. It is better to serve something dry in them, and then to have a tartar sauce served in an individual dish to each guest.

FRIED OYSTERS.

Parboil large oysters by placing them in an enamelled saucepan and letting them simmer on the top of the stove until the edges begin to curl. Drain and dry between the folds of a towel. Season with salt and pepper and dip in flour, then in egg and then in fine, dry bread crumbs. Place six oysters in a wire frying basket and fry one minute in hot deep fat. Drain on brown paper and serve on a folded napkin, or upon one of the fancy lace paper circles, that can be bought for thirty cents a dozen. Garnish with parsley and lemon fans. In order to know whether or not the fat is of the right temperature, test it with a piece of bread from the inside of the loaf. Put the piece in and count forty, (which will take about one-half of a minute) and if the bread is then of the right color, the fat is of the right temperature; if too brown let the fat cool a little.

FRIED SMELTS.

Bone smelts by cutting a slit the entire length of under side, laying the fish open. With a sharp knife remove back bone. Start with tail, and roll the fish up toward the head. When the head is reached let it lie on top of the roll and with small wooden tooth picks skewer, so that the roll will stay in shape. This looks like a lady's muff, with the openings on either side and head on top. Dip in crumbs, egg and crumbs again. Place in basket and fry in hot fat about four minutes. The flesh is rolled up into so many blicknesses that it is necessary to cook it at least four minutes in order to be sure it is thoroughly cooked. Then place one smelt into each potato basket, allowing the head to stand up in center.

Other ways of serving smelts are to skewer them into various shapes (after they have been boned) so that they keep their natural shape. Open the mouth and twist the tail around to go into it, and skewer to keep there. Or twist

into it, and skewer to keep there. Or twist them to look as though they were moving. After being fried the skewers must be carefully

removed.

TARTAR SAUCE.

To Mayonnaise dressing add one-half tablespoon each of capers, olives, pickles and parsley, finely chopped, to each half-cupful of dressing.

PHILADELPHIA RELISH.

Mix two cups shredded cabbage, two green
peppers finely chopped (leaving out seeds), one
teaspoon celery seed, one-fourth teaspoon mus-



FRIED SMELTS.

tard seed, one-half teaspoon salt, one-fourth cup brown sugar, and one-fourth cup vinegar.

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STEAMER FRUIT PUDDING.

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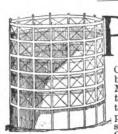
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Coke Making as an Industry.

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ECENTLY it was the ECENTLY it was the writer's good fortune to secure a pass admitting him to the premises of the New England Gas and Coke Company, doing business at Everett, Massachusetts. The details of a morning's trip

tails of a morning's trip through the plant will prove interesting and in-

prove interesting and instructive to the readers of COMFORT.

Near the entrance to the works I was accosted by an employee of the Company who demanded my business. Showing my pass which was obtained at the Boston office, I was immediately escorted to one of the offices on the grounds. There a guide was detailed to show me through the plant and one of the most interesting trips which I have had the pleasure of making, began.

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"Here is the first of eight batteries of coke ovens," said the guide, indicating a long tier of brick ovens; "there are fifty in each battery, making a total of four hundred ovens each holding six tons of coal.

"This is a soft coal, known as Dominion Slack, coming from Nova Scotia," said Mr. Williams, my guide, pointing to a carload which was at hand, "a fine coal, little of it larger than a walnut, much nothing but dust. It is raised from the wharf yonder by means of an elevator and the cars of the dummy railroad which leads directly to the ovens are loaded. One of the cars stopping just above an empty oven, the top of the latter is removed and the six tons of coal deposited within it. This oven is now closed and sealed so that there is no chance for the air to reach the interior, thus preventing combustion."

Mr. Williams led the way to the end of the battery, mounted a step and removed a small plug from the brick wall.

"I suppose you have wondered how these ovens were heated?" he said, stepping to one side, "well, here is the heat stored ready for use; look through this opening, but do not get too close."

I did as bidden and started back in amaze-

I did as bidden and started back in amazement. Within was a long chamber, perhaps one hundred feet long, three feet wide and ten feet high: this seemed one lurid mass of fire, though there was absolutely no blaze—gas heated to a temperature above anything I had ever imagined, a fiend of destruction awaiting the moment when it should leap forth. "Here is the gas in use," said the guide, removing another plug on the other side of the battery, "you will see something different here."

Mithin I saw the gas burning, great waves of flame sweeping backward and forward, air having been admitted, producing combustion, a veritable volcano of fire.

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"This heat attacks the oven from all sides," said the guide, "and during the first ten hours the gas escapes into the large pipe that carries the gas to the cooling tanks. At the same time and during the ensuing twenty hours tar and other products come away from the coal in the oven."

A short distance away workmen were busily engaged clearing the sealing preparation from one of the oven doors, and the guide suggested that we approach and obtain a better view of the work.

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"They are about to open that oven," said he, "watch closely and you will see the coke as it begins to catch fire upon coming in contact with the air."

I looked, and presently the door was slowly raised and the coke at a white heat began to move forward, pushed through the door by a powerful engine at the rear door. At the same time the mass began to blaze as the wind fanned the glowing coals, but a stream of water was directed upon it as it rolled out into an iron car, called a discharging Larry, and there was an end to the action of fire on the coke, as far as the Company was concerned.

Mr. Williams said that the amount of coke yielded by one oven containing six tons of coal, was four and eighty-seven hundredths tons.

From the batteries we went to the building where the coolers and purifying tanks were

"The gas enters the first cooler at a temperature of about one hundred and eighty degrees," said my accommodating friend, "and having passed through coils of pipe surrounded by water, enters a similar one where it is still further cooled. This is called a scrubber," he continued, pointing to another tank, "here the gas is forced through water and thoroughly stirred up, freeing much of the tar and oils which have clung to the gas; having passed through these scrubbers, it enters another set of coolers and is reduced to a still lower temperature, and from these to the bell-washers—the final cleansers of the gas.

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Near one of the bell-washers he lifted a glass
globe and I saw the "gas liquor," as he called
it—the water through which the gas had
passed, boiling up through a pipe, globules of
oil and tar being plainly visible.

The "gas liquor" having passed from the
different coolers and washers, is hurried forward to another building where numerous
tanks, smaller than those in the first building,
are filled. Already has most of the tar sepa-

rated from the "gas liquor" and the principal product remaining—the only one that the Company deems it profitable to abstract, is ammonia sulphate. With the addition of chemicals a prespiritation occurs and the "gas liquor".

monia sulphate. With the addition of chemicals a precipitation occurs and the "gas liquor" having been drawn off, a heavy deposit of ammonia sulphate is found.

"I note that this coke is used largely on certain railroads," I said; "do they find it a more economical fuel than coal?"

"Certainly no more costly," was the reply, "and far cleaner, no smoke, to speak of, and few cinders, besides producing a hotter fire. The coke is not only used largely in these parts, but shipments have been and are being made to Mexico and other distant places."

"Is the ammonia obtained from coal equal to that secured from other sources?" I asked.

"Not only equal to, but superior," was the reply.

reply.
"And the tar is converted into several forms,"

diameter, two hundred and thirty-four feet high, or several feet higher than Bunker Hill Monument, and containing five million cubic feet of gas. It proved a tiresome journey and savoring of adventure as we ascended, but thoroughly enjoyable, nevertheless, at least to myself, and the view from the highest platform was magnificent, well worth the exertion—a fit ending of the morning's trip.

The Brave Deed of Young Paul Kruger.

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TEPHANUS Jo-hannes Paulus Kru-ger, Oom Paul, The Lion of Ruslenberg, President Kruger, by whatever name you call him, was as remarkable as a boy as he now is as a man. He was born and bred a fighter. His father was one of the famous lion bunters of South lion hunters of South Africa, and from in-fancy to manhood his life was an almost con-stant struggle with wild beasts and the yet wilder black men of South Africa. He shot his first big game when only seven years old, killed his first lion when but eleven, and before he had reached the years of manhood he had slain more lions then any more lions than any man in the colon y.

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While yet a boy, he stood at his father's side when he fired his first shot at English soldiers; and he had won distinction as a soldier against and he had won distinction as a soldier against the English and the black men before he was out of his teens. He was absolutely without fear, and could endure without flinching the most excruciating bodily pain. One day, while hunting rhinoceros, the old gun he carried exploded and hurt one of his thumbs so severely as to render it useless. Young Kruger, without making any ado over the matter, laid his hand down on a log, and cut the torn thumb off with a dull knife. There are many other stories told, illustrating his youthful daring and prowess, but the one that goes direct to the heart because of the heroic courage and chivalry of the deed, is the one that tells how, at the risk of his own life, he saved the life of his sister.

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This is the story: He and a younger sister were slowly jogging along in an old ox cart over the veidt, when, suddenly, a South African panther sprang at the ox that was drawing them. The panther missed the ox and the frightened animal made so sudden a jump that the little girl was thrown out of the cart. A glance showed Paul the peril of his sister. She was at the mercy of the hungry panther. Already the beast was preparing to spring upon her. The boy had no weapon save a small knife, yet, without an instant's hesitation, this heroic brother threw himself out of the safety of the cart, and, drawing the knife, rushed between his sister and the panther. There was no other help near. If he failed to kill the panther, the panther would kill them both. But Paul Kruger, although only a boy of fourteen, was nearly as strong as a man, and not even the gleaming teeth and long claws of the panther could daunt his courage. With a low growl the hungry beast sprang at the boy. If he only had his rifle! But there was only the panther could daunt his courage. With a low growl the hungry beast sprang at the boy. If he only had his rifle! But there was only the blade of his knife between him and the on-comblade of his knife between him and the on-coming panther. The struggle that followed was a terrible one. It seemed as if the fierce beast must kill the lad, but, at last, the indomitable courage and wonderful strength of the boy prevailed, the knife struck a vital spot, and the panther was dead. Young Kruger was sorely injured and completely exhausted, but he had saved his sister from a frightful death.

The boy Paul Kruger has become one of the world's famous men; but in all his remarkable

world's famous men; but in all his remarkable life he never did a worthier or a braver act than when he deliberately risked his life to save the life of his sister on the wild veldt of South

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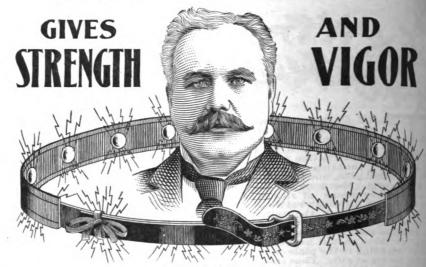
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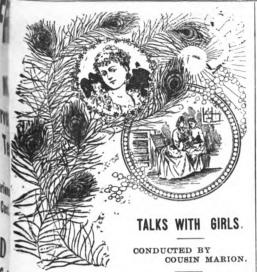
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With these few words of good will and cheer, let us get to your letters, and the first one in the pile is from Brown Eyes, Baltimore, Md., who wants to know if it is right to offer a gentleman refreshments when he calls. Certainly it is, and every man likes that kind of hospitality. She asks also about asking some people to visit her, who have been nice to her, but who are much better fixed than she is. Ask them by all means. It isn't what you give people that makes them think most of you, but the manner of your giving. Write a note to the young lady thanking her, and in it ask her to visit you.

Three Girls, Townsville, Texas.—It is quite

Three Girls, Townsville, Texas.—It is quite proper for young people to exchange locks of hair, but it is very old fashioned, and very silly. (2) Yes, tell the young man he is good looking in return for his saying as much for you. (3) A lady railroad agent may carry on a conversation with a strange business man, but it should be very formal, until she has seen him enough to know who he is. (4) Give it up. Nobody knows what Love is. It ought to be a condition rather than a sensation, though I don't know whether it is or not.

Daffodil, Union City, Ind.—Choose for yourself what you think would be a nice Christmas present for the "dear" young man. (2) I don't think if I were you I would wear the young man's photograph on a button.

on a button.

Hayflower, Pineville, Ky.—A young man that can "pop" and won't "pop" ought to be made to "pop," and if you can talk half as well as you can write, you ought to be able to bring him to his senses easily enough. Show him this little item and look square into his bashful eyes when he finishes reading it. If that doesn't "fetch him," you had better send him down to Frankfort to the Institute for the Escalla Minded. ing it. If that d send him down Feeble Minded.

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Learnall, Charleston, S. C.—Women are better out of politics than in. (2) John D. Rockefeller is from Cleveland, Ohio, where he began life as a boy in a grocery store. He opened an oil store and gradually got hold of the entire oil business of the country, developing it into the Standard Oil Company. He is reputed to be worth \$200,000,000. (3) "To Have and To Hold" has had the largest sale of any current novel.

Lilybell. Avr. Ind.—I think you will do better as

Lilybell, Ayr, Ind.—I think you will do better as a happy married woman than as a school teacher. You know a school teacher shouldn't spell "ambitious" "ambicious."

Virginia Olyve, San Francisco, Cal.—Whether you get the young man of your choice or not, do not marry the man you do not love, even though you do love your parents dearly and they want to wreck your life for the money the man has.

Eva Claire, Neinart, Mon.—It seems to be customary for young men to take ladies home from church though they have not taken them there. I guess it is all right. (2) Stenography cannot be well learned in less than a year, and longer than that if learned by mail. (3) There isn't any "greatest American artist."

Luella, DuBois, Neb.—The home is where the heart is. Marry the one you love.

X. Y. Z., Chicago, Ills.—As I understand it, the authorities of the Catholic Church are the ones to say how the forms of marriage are to be carried out. Ask a priest about it.

Lillian, Houston, Texas.—I do not know anything about the Texas school laws. Before you try to become a teacher, it will be well for you to learn them there.

Percilla, Solomonsville, Ariz.—It would be quite impossible to suggest a way to a practical education as you seek it. You must consult a teacher in your own town. (2) Visiting cards are left at houses where you find the people at home as a reminder to them of your call. It is not necessary in small places, but is in the cities where the custom originated.

Mikado Sisters, Leipsic, Ohio.—Better wait till you are out of your teens before accepting the young man.

young man.

Brown Eyes, Cleburne, Texas.—I don't know of such a firm. The best way is to write direct. Many houses are glad to pay commission for goods sold.

Pansy, Keeny, Kans.—Wedding cakes have no particular form, and you may decorate them as you please. (2) Do not use starch on your black sunbonnet, but instead use a mild solution of gum arabic. (3) A dressing sack is to be worn in the house at any time, usually in the morning.

Leora, Los Angeles, Cal.—A girl should not marry before she is twenty, nor a man before he is twenty-five, but marrying people pay no heed and marry as they please. (2) It is better for the girl that she does not have her pictures taken with a young man. (3) A young man should not wait at all to declare his love, but say so as soon as he is in love.

W. Va. Girl, Duke, W. Va.—Girls of fifteen should

all to declare his love, but say so as soon as he is in love.

W. Va. Girl, Duke, W. Va.—Girls of fifteen should not accept young men's attentions.

Aching Heart, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.—Don't forget the young man at all. Let him go away, but both of you be true to each other, and it will all come out right after a while.

Carnation, Monmouth, Ills.—There is no cure for a little sister who "sneaks around" to hear what you and your callers are talking about except a spanking. (2) It is not a girl's place to ask the man to correspond. (3) Ask your doctor.

Bessie, Lincoln, Tenn.—If you don't know what to say to the young man who asks to be your sweetheart it is very plain you do not know enough to have a sweetheart. Wait five years or so.

Marie, Gilboa, Ohio.—If you want to be miserable all your life marry the man who is a drunkard at nineteen.

Nettie. Ottawa. Ohio.—Do not marry a man hav-

all your life marry the man who is a drunkard at nineteen.

Nettie, Ottawa, Ohio.—Do not marry a man having consumption.

Primrose, Bristol, Me.—If the man won't talk to you, go with one who will. (2) I fancy there is not much danger in sitting on the door steps after dark, if not too long after. (3) The men of your own family should protect you from the attentions of the insolent man you mention.

Blue Eyed Maib, Springdale, Mo.—The young man should not squeeze your hand "real hard" in the dance. (2) "You're all right, but you won't do." is only harmless slang as far as I know. (3) Don't marry a man younger than yourself. (4) Whether a person with a weak heart from inflammatory rheumatism should marry or not is a question for the doctors to settle.

Pansy, Whitewater, Wis.—Don't marry anybody unless you want to, and not always then. It's a queer mother who wants her daughter to marry a drunkard.

Amelia, Medicine Lodge, Kans.—The young man should give you another ring for the one he has lost. (2) No.

Brown Eyes, Mt. Vernon, Mo.—In my judgment not only "from a mental and moral standpoint", but from a legal point of view in most states, the marriage of cousins is wrong. Don't do it.

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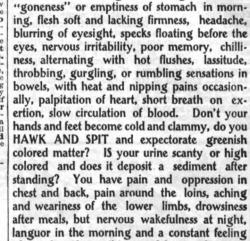


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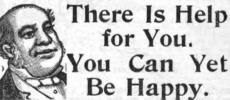
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ORE than half way around the world from us lies New Zealand, one of the least known of England's large one of the least known of England's large colonies. It is a group of islands, two large and many small ones and its area is about equal to that of Great Britain.

Although New Zealand has been known

land has been known to the civilized world since 1642 it was not until 1842 that it beuntil 1842 that it became a part of the
British Empire. In
1770 Captain Cook
made a careful examination of the coast of
this land and the
charts which he made
with great care are still
in use by navigators.

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After the settlement of Australia the islands to the southeast of the colony began to nown because of new colon; be known the excellent seal fish-

A MAORI GUIDE.

shore. As in most new lands of the earth, it was trade which stimulated discovery. The islands were found to be excellent for the production of flax and gum and its forests were rich in useful timber. At length England was convinced that if she wished to have any influence in this far southern land she England was convinced that it she wished to have any influence in this far southern land she must proclaim sovereignty over the islands. This she did, completing her arrangement only a few weeks before the French were ready to do the same. What would have been the history of New Zealand had England delayed, it were hard to determine. England made an excelhard to determine. England made an excellent treaty with the native Maoris, in which she guaranteed them the undisturbed posses-

hard to determine. England made an excellent treaty with the native Maoris, in which she guaranteed them the undisturbed possession of their lands, together with their ancient rights and their freedom, in return for which the native chiefs gave up their rights of sovereignty. This treaty has been held inviolate by both parties, and no land has ever been acquired from the natives except by purchase. Much of the land is rented to Englishmen by the natives, and we find many small farms and holdings, but no vast estates as in other English colonies. The native chiefs are allowed to sit in the Council and representatives are sent to the colonial House of Parliament. England may well feel herself repaid for her treatment of the Maoris, for they have shown themselves an intelligent and industrious people, accepting the improvements of civilization and proving themselves valuable citizens.

South Island is skirted, along its western coast, by a grand mountain range rising 12,000 feet above the sea which is a fair rival to the Alps in its beauty of scenery. Magnificent forests cover the sides of these mountains, and to the east the land slopes off in rolling plains, unrivalled in all the world for fertility.

Separated from South Island by a strait fiteen or twenty miles wide, is the North Island, which though smaller, is the more important island. Nearly every part is well fitted for habitation, for no high mountains interrupt its surface and the climate is mild and agreeable.

The central part of this island is one of the most wonderful volcanic districts in the world. In a narrow strip not more than seventy-five miles wide are contained geysers, hot springs, pools of boiling mud, sulphur waters, and nearly every other kind of spring known to have curative properties. There are two active volcances in the district, Tongariro and Ruapehu. These rise to a height equal to some of our Rocky Mountain peaks. Their eruptions, though frequent are not severe, and instead of lava, clouds of steam and gallons of boiling water ar



A MAORI HOME.

are no stretches of desert land, no lack of trees and undergrowth; on the contrary the vegeta-tion of the southern islands seems to thrive up-

tion of the southern islands seems to thrive upon the moist atmosphere and the frequent volcanic eruptions do not destroy it.

This district is thickly inhabited by the Maoris and they understand perfectly the curative properties of the waters, so that many of them earn an excellent livelihood by giving medical advice to the many invalids who go there for treatment.

They assure these visitors that their waters contain a cure for any ill and surely they themselves are a good illustration of the excellent effect of their treatment, for they are a healthy, rugged race. The New Zealand hot springs are becoming noted even in Europe for their wonderful effect upon rheumatic troubles, and this volcanic district seems likely to beand this volcanic district seems likely to be-come as noted a health resort as Saratoga. Were New Zealand within a week's travel of Were New Zealand within a week's travel of London it would doubtless be soon overrun with the overflow of that great metropolis. Its climate is almost perfect. Far enough from the equator to be free from the flerce heat of summer it receives plentiful rainfall; its plains and mountain sides may give occupation and

support to thousands of people. Happy New support to thousands of people. Happy New Zealand, fortunate for her that she lies so far away from the great centers of the world, that a month or more must elapse in reaching her. Her growth will probably be slow and steady, her wealth of resources will be developed naturally and she will hold her place with the colonies of Great Britain as one of its richest and most self-sustaining.

MAN-AFRAID-OF-HIS-BOOKS.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

1234 acters that is entertained by savage or ignorant people is illustrated by the following anecdote:

In a certain little

Western town there lives a man who lacks even the rudiments of an education. He was a min-

SUPERSTITIOUS fear of written char-acters that is enter-

Western town there lives a man who lacks even the rudiments of an education, He was a miner—a laborer; but a few years ago he found a vein of ore which he sold for a small amount, and then established himself in a small way in the mercantile business. At first he kept no books, trusting entirely to his memory for a record of his transactions; but a railroad was recently built into his town, and his business increased to such an extent that he found himself compelled to employ a book-keeper.

The book-keeper, at the end of his first day's work, emptied the cash-drawers, entered the amount in his books and then locked cash and books in the safe. The next morning he was surprised to find that ten dollars were missing. In no way could he account for the shortage, other than to suppose that his employer had taken the money out during the night. To make sure he went into the store to speak with him about it.

"When you take money from the safe Mr."

him about it.

him about it.
"When you take money from the safe, Mr. Blank," he said, "you should tell me of it, or leave a note stating the amount so that I can enter it in the books."
"How do you know that I took any money out of the safe?" his employer asked, suspiciently.

out of the safe?" his employer asked, suspiciously.
"Why, the books tell me that you took out ten dollars last night."
"They do, eh!" snorted the employer.
"Well, young man, you just march back into the office and throw them blamed books in the fire. Next thing I know they'll be tellin' you what I did with that ten dollars, and that's nobody's business but mine."

N Norwegian Mines a singular custom prevails in paying the weekly wages of the men. They present themselves on Saturday evening to the inspector, who, having settled accounts with each, bids him turn round, and writes in white chalk, upon his back, the sum due him. Thus numbered, the man goes to the cashier, who also turns him around to look at the figures, and pays him without a word.

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which is the basis of our deductions for the beginning weeks of the New Year, shows the last degrees of Cancer r is in g. with the middle degrees of Arics culminating. All the planets are below the horizon near the cusp of the 12th house. The luminaries come together in the 6th house just between Jupiter and Saturn and nearly opposed to Neptune; Herschel is close to Mercury in the 5th house where also Venus is found; and Mars is on the cusp of the 3rd house near the square of Mercury and Herschel, but favorably aspecting the luminaries and Saturn.

The Sun and Moon are leaving the benefic Jupiter and approaching Saturn, indicative of more than the average sickness among the people, especially the poorer classes, during the first three or four weeks of the year. Particular caution is suggested for the troubles peculiar to the respiratory organs. Coughs and colds will be unusually prevalent and the stomach will be easily disordered. The season prompts more than usual care as to temperance, for unwise indulgencies in stimulants will be attended with greater mischief than usual. Surgery will become an important factor in these days in remedying existing evils. It is apprehended that there will be an increase of suffering among the poorer classes from exposure to cold and inclement measons and the benevolently disposed will have unusual opportunities to assist their less fortunate brethren. Malefic combinations in the 5th caution those in charge of schools against fires and violent excitement among pupis and may cause the closing of schools in some sections for avoidance of eruptive diseases. Some unusual excitement is likely in administration of school matters or the misdeeds of some in charge of schools. Fire threatens mischief to government buildings and those in charge should be constantly vigilant.

Some differences arise in international matters over unusual action of nations believed to be friendly. Canadian matters engage renewed diplomatic efforts. In most other respects the promises of the figure do not de

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1901.

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JANUARY. 1—Tuesday. The very early hours of the day are the poorest but as the day advances conditions are much improved. It does not mend enough, however, to invite much merry making. Gratification and pleasaure seeking are more likely to be attended with unpleasant consequences unless the greatest moderation be exercised. Association for purposes of business not concerned with the elegant or artistic in life will have best chances for satisfactory results; do not take the time for any matrimonial engagement, especially if born about the 2d of March, 4th of June. 5th of September, or the 6th of December, of past years. Persons in the musical, dramatic and artistic pursuits generally, born at the times indicated, are in adverse circumstances at about this time or have more than the usual embarrassment in their undertakings in these passing days, nor should they now enter into any important venture in life.

2—Wednesday. Adverse conditions rule this day as well as yesterday for the persons and business ventures therein indicated; do not expect satisfactory results in any of the nice engagements. Some very unfortunate marriages will occur at this time and it is peculiarly fruitful in producing elopenients among the wayward. Have no business engagements with persons in government office or with large corporations. Dramatic matters are under a cloud and managers in such walks have strange trials.

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3—Thursday. Hold the purse strings securely on this day, nor make any purchase of merchandise for trade; sign no written obligation concerning money, nor apply for favor to persons in high stations in life, nor to banks or monied institutions of any kind; make no engagements with persons in the literary callings, with contractors, builders, excavators or mining officers or employees.

emproyees.
4—Friday. Mixed conditions prevail, more suited for engagements with persons in the mechanical callings than others, provided the mid-day hours be employed; give no cause for offense in thy dealings with persons in authority; avoid thy landlord and do not be disappointed if baffled in the majority of thine efforts for the day.

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5—Saturday. Fair success will be met in the general transactions of the day, but it is not a good time for commencing any undertaking of magnitude; the time is more likely to be cold, cheeriess and apathetic and does not conduce to happy conclusions.

6-Sunday. Essentially a day for rest.

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7-Monday. This week begins more auspiciously.
Choose the day for urging the elegant pursuits; push
business vigorously but give the preference to dealings
in fancy goods, dress materials, jewelry and furnishings,
all in the forenoon; sign no deeds in the forenoon nor
look for creditable results from mental efforts.

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R—Tuesday. The morning hours should be given the preference for all engagements with banks and persons of wealth and refinement, also for purchase of goods for trade; ask no favor from thine employer during the middle hours, but as the afternoon advances let all engagements pertaining to houses and lands be pushed to the utnost; mental efforts in the evening and night hours will be fruitful of good to all persons except those born about the 29th of March, 30th of June, its of October or 30th of December, of past years. The latter persons have more than usual annoyance just now in matters of writing or account or are adversely affected in the nerwous system. Many of them are troubled with neuralgic pains or the nervous forces show impairment.

9—Wedmesday. Avoid contention and disputes during the first two-thirds of this day; have no surgical operation performed, especially about the abdomen or bowels and seek no favor from military men or government officers.

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10—Thursday. Those who speculate with their money on this day need not expect much profit but are more likely to meet losses; do not buy goods for trade nor seck favors from banks or monied men; beware of purchases for mere gratification as the impulse will be towards extravagemee.

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11—Friday. Improve the early and late hours of this day for the major affairs of the time but have unusual eare from 11 o'clock until 2 in the day when routine matters only should have attention; baffling conditions prevail in the noon hours when no business connected with houses or lands should be transacted.

18 Saturday. Again the noon hours are the poorest when no favor should be expected from persons in authority; the early forenoon and the afternoon should have thy best efforts.

14-Menday. Begin the day early; do correspond-ence and urge all manner of business with vigor; deal with booksellers, publishers, stationers and all engaged in the intellectual paraults; deal in machinery, chemi-

cals, drugs, tools and combustibles; take initiatory steps and urge proceedings in integation. The time is more fortunate than usual for persons born about the 3rd of January, May, or July or the 5th of November of past years, as such persons are likely to be now full of hope and encouragement at the condition of their affairs; and have new ventures or improved opportunities now offering which promise well for them. On the other hand persons born about the 4th of March, 3rd of June, or the 6th of September or December, of past years, are more likely to be in the midst of some unusual excitement or controversy or have insidious attacks upon the health, particularly as relates to the respiratory organs and liver and bowels. Such persons should exercise greatest care at this time for avoidance of coughs and colds and should study patience and forbearance in their dealings with mankind; being careful not to be overhasty in sotion, overbearing in deportment nor intolerant of control in their walks in life, in these passing weeks, as there is danger that business associations may be foolishly severed under temporary excitement.

15—Tuesday. Crowd all affairs to the utmost of this day, especially such as require dealings with officials or persons in authority.

16—Wednesday. Literary ventures are somewhat detrimented during this forenoon, but the noon hours are favorable for general affairs. The evening invites caution against disputes and controversies. Fires in government buildings are to be looked out for and explosions and accidents from machinery and on railways threaten at this time.

17—Thurwisty. The day is indifferent until the afternoon when conditions prevail more than ordinarily

17—Thursday. The day is indifferent until the afternoon when conditions prevail more than ordinarily favorable for the elegant pursuits and favorable consideration by persons of wealth or in financial dealings; crowd all general matters the harder as the day advances.

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18—Friday. Begin early and improve every moment in the pursuit of art, music, and in the elegant avocations generally; deal in fancy goods and engage in business pertaining to decoration, adornment, furnishings and dramatic goods or entertainments; buy goods for trade in the early hours of the day and have money transactions of consequence, all during the forenoon; the afternoon is less to be depended upon and is likely to arrest progress in matters in hand or buffle results in things then newly begun.

19-Naturday. Be early astir for urging the mechanical and chemical pursuits and for dealings in metals, machinery, horses and cattle; consuit thy dentist and travel

travel.

20—Sunday. This day is unusually benevolent, particulary inviting communion with the poet and literati; the mental faculties will be remarkably quickened and appreciation of literary productions quite noticeable.

21—Monday. Choose this day for removal, travel, dealing with public officers and large corporations.

22—Tuesday. This is the merchant's own day and an especially fortunate one for every honorable pursuit; buy goods for trade, speculate in securities, if thy nativity likewise favor, and seek money accommodations; make collections and deal with banks.

23—Wedm mday. A day of increased mental excite.

23-Wedn aday. A day of increased mental excitement; the mind is likely to be rash; keep a civil tongue; be slow to tale offense and be careful in handling fire, steam, chemicals, and the brute creation at large.

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24.—Thursday. Look out for the pennies on this day, for conditions invite money shrinkages and losses or extravagant expenditures; do not buy stock in trade.

25.—Friday. The early and late hours are the best; the middle hours being peculiarly inimical for any dealings concerning lands, mines, agricultural products, house-furnishings, and all decorative artistic goods; do not depend upon the day for any musical effort or for painting or any dramatic or social undertaking; adverse for courtship or marriage and threatening to harmony among artists; the evening gives improvement.

26.—Saturday. The forenoon should be given pref-

26—Naturday. The forenoon should be given preference for business enterprises of consequence; the afternoon is mischievous and the evening is superior, when favor may be sought from persons of wealth and

27—Sunday. The influences in the first part of this day contribute vitality, strength and buoyancy of spirit in an unusual degree: inclining more to activity than rest; pulpit efforts are likely to be energetic and aggressive rather than sound or logical; the afternoon gives unusual appreciation of the beautiful in life.

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2N—Monday. Arise early; do important correspondence and press business to the utmost during the forenoon; but as the day advances, baffling conditions arise; do not expect much satisfaction from dramatic, musical or social entertainments in the evening.

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29—Tuesedmy. Seek favor from thine employer in the early morning; do not deal with mechanics or manufacturers in the afternoon; but press all mental efforts and literary work or engagements in the evening, when also give attention to accounts, mathematical work and scientific studies.

30—Wednesdmy. Use the forenoon for commercial undertakings not concerned with patented goods or trade marks; do not seek any advancement in thine employment nor expect favor from thy superior.

31—Thurndmy. Give preference to this day for the pursuit of the ingenious and mechanical trades and for dealings with glass-workers, iron and brass founders, bakers, butchers, military men, chemists, druggiste, and the manufacturing interests; have no money transactions in the early forenoon when money losses are more likely; do not concern thyself about real estate or mining interests in the late hours of the day.

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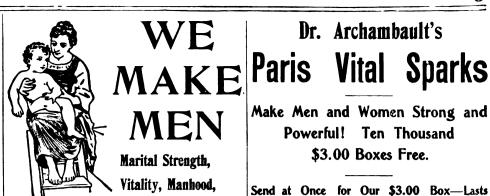
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The lands where "the dawn comes up like thunder out o' China 'cross the bay" do not seem so far away since the "Eastern question" began to be important to Americans. The Ameer of Afghanistan has written his autobiography with a frankness and detail that seem amazing to Westerners. This self-

ants with him from the time he wakes until he sleeps. In a room near him are professional chess players, a story teller and a reader of books, with a few personal companions, all and each ready to be summoned to amuse his royal highness. The Ameer is progressive and anxious for the welfare of his people but confesses that the constant petty quarrels and intrigues of the court make him long for a quiet existence. His highness seems to be afflicted with the American hurry for he complains that his life is a constant round of work and that he is so busy that he has to ask his courtiers whether or no he has eaten his dinner. He retires at five or six in the morning and rises at two in the afternoon. The intervening time is not unbroken rest for the Ameer complains that he wakes every hour to worry over his country. The most casual reader of the autobiography must be impressed by the naive delight which the monarch shows in the fact that he leads a strenuous life. He gravely asserts that none of his countrymen have one tenth of his work to do. To read his detail of daily duty is a liberal education to anyone who imagines that the life of an Eastern ruler is one long luxurious revel. The Ameer states that in 1891 he delegated the public receptions to his son and left for himself these daily duties: foreign office, intelligence department, political work, treasury, criminals accused of high treason, appeals from the courts, making new courts, amending the law of the land and introducing reforms, buying material for the workshops, and regulating the household affairs of his own harem and also of his entire court. The Ameer's wives, children and grandchildren are granted a liberal allowance from the English Government. Their dresses which the Ameer states "are many and of both Oriental and European style" are not paid for from this allowance. Religious toleration prevails in the land. The Ameer is a Sunni Muslim, but many of the highest office holders are Hindoos and Shias. The court entertainments are simple and the poor Eastern follower of the strenuous life declares that even there he is working all the time. In the evenings he watches the professional chess and backgammon players, or listens occasionally to music. He declares that he loves music and can himself play the violin and rubab while the best pianos, guitars, bagpipes and other musical instruments are to be found in the palace. All in all the Ameer is a most entertaining writer for his frank and innocent egotism spares no little personal item of daily life.

Mark Twain has returned to America after a five years' lecturing tour around the world. His manager, Major Pond, offered him \$10,000 to deliver ten lectures in America after his return, but Twain refused the offer stating with characteristic humor that talking for money was work and that took the fun out of it. The varied experiences of sixty years have culminated in the honest heroism of the effort that has resulted in the cancelling of \$80,000 of indebtedness in four years. When Mark Twain started on his lecturing tour he assumed the entire indebtedness of the publishing firm of C. L. Webster and Co., of which he was a member. He gave his first lecture during the summer of 1895 in Cleveland. Over 3000 people packed the Music Hall of that city to give him welcome and good luck on the jot mey. He began the globe circling ill, depressed, with fortune gone and a burden of indebtedness that would have staggered many a younger man. In Cape Town he stood upon a lecture and its chief charm lies in the constant play of platform for what he stated was the last time. varied expression that accompanies her conver-

York on the Minnehaha which he stated was es in exquisite taste. Her three children are in loaded with his baggage. He will spend the Japan and for the present will not be brought winter in New York. His last books now promise to give him a good income and the most popular of American writers can spend his time in peace and comfort. The story of great coal strike was the woman who became Twain's life has as much of the element of known as Mother Jones. She led the marches romance as any fiction ever written. It is typically American. His boyhood spent as a printer's apprentice in a little Missouri river town, his gradual rise to a river pilot with the familiar cry of "mark twain." Little did he dream that the measuring cry was to be assumed by him as a name, and a name to be famous around the world. Few people ever think of Mr. S. L. Clemens but Mark Twain is a world-known name. His books are read where ever the language is and their writer is welcome alike in the mining camps of the West and the courts of Europe. Those who know him best say that tenderness and sensitiveness are his most prominent traits, but at the same time he has the fierce spirit of retaliation that seems born of the experience of his frontier life.

Sir Thomas Lipton is literally a household word in America for his great tea estates in Ceylon with their product are familiar to many who have little interest in Lipton the vachtsman. The second challenge from him for America's Cup was not unexpected. His gallant attempt to win the precious trophy with the Shamrock was of international as well as sporting interest. He carried home the good wishes of Americans although he failed to "lift the cup." His American admirers presented him with a beautiful gold loving cup but this flattering token of esteem was a fresh encouragement for Sir Thomas to attempt to get the battered silver trophy that America has defended so long. Sir Thomas was born in Glasgow, of Irish parents, as his naming of the Shamrock shows. He began life in a humble way but has risen to an immense fortune which he persists in enjoying alone. He has asked that the races be sailed in August so that expectation and anticipation of a victory for an American yacht have a long time to gather strength.

The Japanese Legation is always a center of interest at the capital. It is an entertaining combination of Oriental magnificence and Eastern hospitality conformed to modern European manners. The ladies of the Legation now wear European dress as all the higher classes in Japan are learning to do. Many amusing incidents develop



during the assimilation of American customs The wife of a former Japanese Minister when asked her husband's favorite sport replied, "My husband he like to flirt best of all things in the world. He think this American sport most adorable. We flirt and flirt all the day long. I flirt with him, he flirt with me." It is only forty years since the first Japanese legation was established in this country. Japan has sent to the United States a high class of representatives. In capacity and intelligence they are second to the statesmen of no nation. The new minister Mr. Takahira has had a long diplomatic experience. He has represented his country at The Hague, in Rome, Vienna and in China. Madame Takahira is a fine type of the advanced aristocratic class of Japan. This is not her first visit to America as her husband was Consul-General in New York in 1891. Mme. Takahira was educated at one of the best schools of Japan which was conducted after the Western fashion. She was married in 1887 and has accompanied her husband on his foreign missions. This contact with the official and social life of different European capitals has given Mme. Takahira the polish and ease of the true cosmopolite. Even by European standards Mme. Takahira would be ranked as a handsome woman. She has the soft dusky complexion for which Japanese women are famous, large dark expressive eyes and heavy dark hair. Her face is very mobile

In October he sailed into the harbor of New sation. She has magnificent jewels and dressto America.

> One of the most prominent figures in the of the strikers and these demonstrations brought many recruits to the army of strikers. Mother Jones showed all the skill and tact of a general at many trying moments during the great strike. She argued, used diplomacy, ridicule and eloquence and kept the spirits of the men bright. With it all she took the position she had won seriously and it is said that the president of the strikers-Mr. Mitchell-relied to a great extent on the advice of Mother



Wu Chao-chu is the son of Wu Ting Fang the Chinese minister to this country. To all appearance he is an every-day boy in his love of sport. He plays with the boys around the Chinese legation and jokes, plays

pranks and games and conducts himself like the most democratic of Americans. He wears the Chinese dress with the exception of a pair of stout American shoes. Minister Wu came to America three years ago when Wu Chao-chu was eleven years old. The son was placed in that most American of public institutions—the public school. The little lad was born and bred in the restraint of the Chinese Empire but he possesses a "get there" quality which we are apt to consider purely American. He was handicapped by a strange language and was in unfamiliar surroundings, but in spite of this he completed a four years course in three years and was able to enter a Washington High School in September. Wu Junior has none of the passive stolidity that marks the Oriental. On the contrary he has a genuine spirit of humor and love of fun. He rides to and from school on his wheel and is very much interested in running his father's automobile. He spent last summer at Cape May where he learned to swim. The father and son are great chums and Minister Wu seems to enjoy his son's progress and assimilation of Western ideas, customs and manners. Nevertheless it is contact like this that has formed a liberal and advanced party in China and contributed towards the present crisis.

Mlle. Nouailher of Limoges, France, is a party to a very peculiar law suit now being decided in the highest court of France-the State Council. The young woman is immensely wealthy, owning a large portion of the real estate of Limoges. She conceived the idea that her mission in life was to make others happy. She lived in an immense villa in the heart of Limoges. To this home she brought hundreds of patients who were pronounced incurable and were in the last stages of consumption. The wards of the Paris hospitals were emptied into this beautiful country home. Mlle. Nouailher had no hope of restoring these people to health but extended her hospitality only to those who were dying. In less than four years Mile. Nouailher's guests had filled 2000 graves in the Limoges cemetery. The disease began to get a hold in the town and tourists avoided the place as the trains entering the station were filled with people in the last stages of consumption. Protests were made, finally mobs gathered and riots became frequent. Mlle. Nouailher stuck to her purpose and demanded the protection of the government. The case went into court and is now to be decided in the high-

Count Leo Tolstoy is the most remarkable figure of the day in the literary world. His recent excommunication by the Greek church is an event that has long been expected by those familiar with the daring of the religious views expressed in his novels. Purely and

simply as a novelist judged from the standpoint of literary and artistic merit Tolstoy has few equals. His novels considered as photo-

graphic studies of human life and of Russian customs and ideas are fascinating. It is the peculiar ideas of the great Russian that have made the civilized world discuss and accept or reject him. A Russian noble belonging to the privileged classes, he chooses to live in a simplicity that means only the barest necessities of life. He believes that each man should earn his living with his own hands. His ancestra! lands have been given to the peasants. Tolsty is a firm believer in the command "Thou shalt do no murder." In a recent article he declared that the murder of monarchs was but the fulfillment of the Bible prophecy "They that shall take the life shall perish by the sword." In the same article he commented most bitterly upon William of Germany and Czar Nicholas. He declared that the Czar's Peace Conference was a childish, silly and untruthful project as he was ordering an increase of the army at the same time. For much less severe criticism men have been exiled to Siberia. It is his passionate protest against society as now constituted that makes Tolstoy the unique figure that he is. He is terribly, passionately, tragically in earnest and at odds with existing forms. His novels are tracts. It is remarkable that they are such finished pieces of literary work when their evident purpose is protest and reform.



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HE gray shades of twilight were giving place to the heavier shadows of night. It was already dark in deep hollows of the Kentucky hills, for here night falls quickly. Upon a spur of a chain of knobs which bisects Casey County, a man stood with his head bowed in thought. The place where he stood was heavily wooded and extremely isolated. There was no sound or sign of human life anywhere, and to all appearances he was the only living being in all that vast expanse of forest. He was not a mountaineer

-a casual glance showed that. He was a young man, not over twenty-five, with a face almost boyish. His clothes were made for service, from rough strong material, and he wore top boots and a sombrero hat. A Winchester rifle was in his hand and a revolver was at his

This was Barton Langley, as intrepid and daring a revenue officer as the government had in its employ. He had taken up this life from choice about a year before, and during this time his name had become a positive curse to the evil-doers in the Kentucky mountains. He was subtle and shrewd, and had so schooled himself in their ways that he could, disguised, pass among them with impunity.

But there was one man who had so far escaped him, despite his scheming and his plans. And this was Abe Kent, who scoffed at the majesty of the law, and constantly eluded the hand of Justice. Langley had sworn to take him, single-handed, dead or alive, and for the past week the plot he had formed for this purpose had been slowly developing.

"It's time she was here," muttered the lonely officer, as the last gleam of day vanished and the moon came out from behind the ragged edge of a cloud. "Surely she won't fail me to-night. No; she cannot if she would. It's a mean, low-down thing to do, but there's my oath, and this is the only way, and-I owe a debt to some daughter of Eve!"

His eyes shone and his mouth contracted in a bitter smile at the recollection It had not been long ago-just a year, and the wound had not healed.

The brushing of leaves caught his quick ear, and he swung around with the revolver in his hand. But a moment later he smiled and placed it back in his belt, and held out his arms instead.

She came towards him, trustingly, and per-

mitted him to gather her to his bosom. She was a little different from most mountain women. Her form was not stooped and

crooked, nor her eyes lustreless and heavy. In- in her throat. stead, a buoyant youth was expressed in her young figure, her face was pretty, with a wild, untamed beauty, and her black hair fell over her shoulders unconfined. Barton Langley had seen worse-looking women in the drawing-rooms and parlors of society.

"Hev I kep' you waitin'?" she asked, gazing up at him with eyes which expressed the love in hèr soul.

"A little," he answered, bending down and kissing her. "But it makes no difference-a minute or two."

"I couldn't come sooner; I think they're gittin's'picious. Ain't-ain't there some other way, Barton?"

She laid her head on his shoulder, wearily. and his heart revolted in him at the part he had to play. For the moment he wished himself out of it, but it was too late now. The beginning of the end had come.

"No. Jane, my little girl, there's no other way," he said, caressing her hair with his hand. "And when it's all over, you will come with me, away from these hills and the wild people who live here. You will marry me, and we will be happy together."

"I'll do it, then-for you. But it ain't right, Barton, an' I've thought so all along. I don't know what you city people call right an' wrong, an' since you say you'd do ez much for me, I b'lieve you. But somethin' in me tells that I'm doin' wrong."

"Nonsense, little girl! Do you think I would let you do anything that wasn't right? Remember my oath, Jane. Without your help I will break it. Are you going back on me now, when the time has come?"

"No; I love you, Barton, an' I've promised you. I mus' go now, for he's comin' soon."

She released herself from his arms and stood looking into his face, reading its every line with searching eyes. A dark flush guiltily mantled his cheeks, but the broad rim of his hat hid it. The girl sighed and turned away, then moved by a sudden impulse, turned and came back to him. She put her hands on his shoulders and spoke:

"He's a bigger man than you, Barton, an' stronger. I'm 'fraid thet all won't go well."

The man laughed, lightly. "Leave that to me, girl. Everything shall happen as I have told."

"An'-an' you'll take me away with you? They'd kill me ef they knowed I done it. Even dad wouldn't lift his hand to save me ef he knowed."

The man drew her to him and kissed her again.

"As soon as it is over we shall leave together. I have horses down yonder—" pointing to a ravine at the foot of the south-western slope. "By daylight we shall be in safety."

"Good-bye," she answered. "I'll do it-for you."

And then he was alone again-alone with his accusing conscience and unbending determination.

Not over a mile from where he was standing, a brawny mountaineer was making his way along the side of a precipitous knob, his destination being a little hut hidden in an angle of the ridge. Abe Kent had loved Jane Penn for nearly a year, though she had given him but little encouragement. He followed her about like a dog and anticipated her every wish, but she treated him coolly, sometimes with incivility. It was not until about ten days ago that Abe saw the change for which he had waited so long. One night Jane came down to the still where he and her father were at work, and chatted with him for a long time-even giving him a smile when she left, and asking him to come to see her sometimes.

Abe wanted to thank God in his heart for this, but he didn't know how. But her visit had made his work lighter, somehow, and there was a feeling in his breast like he had been drinking new whiskey. A kind of happy, joyous feeling, which made the moonlight brighter, and the song of the night bird sweeter. He cut his work short, and went to see her the next night, and she looked at him tenderly once or twice, while making him keep his distance. But for the past week she had been slowly relenting, and last night-last night he had kissed her at parting, and she had told him that she loved him. And she had told him to come tonight, that she wanted the mysterious powers which Miss LeBlanc to be with him, and Abe was as happy as he cared to be.

forward to greet him. Her face was flushed, and her breath came fast, as though from exertion, but Abe thought it was all for love of him, as he swept her from her feet in his strong arms and held her to his breast.

"An' so you do love me, after all, Jane?" he said, placing her tenderly on the ground, and holding her pretty face between his big brown hands, where the moonlight fell full upon it. "I've waited fur ye long, long, long little gel! I thought the time wuz never comin'."

She felt a sudden, sick pang at her heart at his earnest words.

"It has been long, Abe, but I never loved ve before." "But ye do now-tell me that ye do now

Jane; tell me thet ye love me!" "Yes, Abe; I love you."

But the words were husky, and almost stuck

"Come," she said, "let's set on the door-step. The night's too pretty to go in."

"I've been awful mean to you, Abe," she said when they were scated, "but I'm goin' to make up for it now."

She placed her arms around his neck and how peaceful and restful they looked. kissed his bearded cheek. The touch of her who sat beside her. He trembled all over, then turned and took her in his arms and held her there, pressing his lips again and again to her forehead, face and hair. When his first strong rush of love had spent itself, he leaned back Blancs. against the wall of the hut and tried to think, but his mind was in a whirl.

"Don't you pack but one pistol with you time drawing the heavy revolver from the belt at his waist, and laying it in her lap.

"Jes' one, Jane," he answered, "I've got another'n down at the still, but two uv 'em gits heavy. An' besides, them revenuers hey 'bout give up buntin' me, I think."

"Let me hev this pistol, Abe. I git lonesome here by myself, an' dad always takes his'n

with 'im." Her voice was low and trembled a little, but

"Why, little gel, uv course it's yourn," he replied, delighted to grant the request. "All thet I've got's yourn, ef ye want it."

Abe thought it was timidity.

"Let me put it away, Abe," she said, rising. "Tomorrer you mus' come up an' learn me how teshoot it."

"Bring hit down to the still!" he called after her, merrily, "an' you kin shoot at the squir-rels all day!"

"You'll never see your still again, Abe Kent!" The mountaineer turned like a flash, and instinctively his hand went to his waist.

Not ten paces away a man was standing, and the bright moonlight glinted on the barrel of a revolver in his outstretched hand, with its muzzle pointed at the moonshiner's heart.

"You will either come with me, or your dead aloud." carcass shall lie here for some of your comrades to bury. Take your choice!"

Abe rose to his feet and as he did so he heard light footsteps behind him. Hope came to his heart. It was Jane, coming to his relief. He was in the shadow of the hut and he carefully held out his hand for the revolver he thought she was bringing. But instead, she flitted swiftly by him and in a moment was at the side of the revenue officer.

"Put these on him!" said the man, and with his disengaged hand he held out to her a pair of hand-cuffs.

She took them and started to obey, and then only light came to Abe's mind. With a hoarse cry of pain and anger he sprang forward. The report of the revolver sounded sharply on the quiet air, and Abe clutched his breast, but still came on. There was a knife in his hand now. and though bullet after bullet pierced his body he did not fall. Another second and Barton Langley and Abe Kent fell to earth together, the knife of the moonshiner piercing the heart of the revenue officer.

And now the story is told of a woman, from whose mind reason has fled, who wanders about the hills always seeking for some one whom she knew and loved, but whom she will never find.

From Hemlocks to Orange Trees.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ALEXANDER MACPHERSON

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HE next attraction on the evening's program is the wonderful performance of mind reading and second sight given by Prof. LeBlanc and his daughter Alline Le-Blanc. This performance has been witnessed by hundreds of the most famous scientists of this country and of Europe, who

have declared themselves to be astounded at evidently possesses."

This, and much more, in the same vein. She was standing in the doorway, and came Henry Pendleton turned the program in his hand, listlessly, to see what was on the last page; and wondered why he had come to Spring Grove Park to spend the evening.

It was Saturday night. Mr. Pendleton, who was a young lawyer, had come to an inland New England city on business and had been detained longer than he had expected. Someone had told him that Spring Grove had a rustic theater, in which Pendleton found a really good variety show in operation. He had bought a ticket and sat down, only to find that variety shows-like everything else, he told himselfhad no longer any power to amuse him.

The theater was built in a grove of big hemlock trees. Two great trees stood at the front corners of the stage, and their trunks supported the proscenium arch. When the actors left the stage they disappeared into a thicket of evergreen shrubbery, amidst which the dressing

rooms had been hullt, and the background was a vista of rich brown trunks which in the ranof the electric lights looked like pillars of a cathedral, as they rose straight and beautiful into the gloom of their green branches. Perdleton gazed off into the shadows and though.

A young man who played a piano at one corlips sent an electric thrill through the man ner of the stage, and constituted the entire orchestra, left his sect to shift the sign cards which announced in big black letters the name of each attraction on the program. The care he placed in front bore the names of the Le-

A large, well built man with dark hair and eyes came out upon the stage, accompanied by a slender young woman. The supers brough now, Abe?" she asked, presently, at the same on a table and a chair. On the table they placed what looked like an ordinary sofa pillow. The young woman sat down at the tabe so that her profile was towards the audience and the man bound a white handkerchief about her eyes. When he had done this he took from his pocket a contrivance which looked like one of the toy rattles which fakirs sell at fairs. He twirled this rapidly, and a melodious bumming sound filled all the place. The sound seemed to affect the young woman as the rattle of snake is said to charm a bird. Her head drooped slowly towards the table, until it rested upon the pillow. When she was asleep the professor took her head gently in his hands and turned it so it lay upon one side, upon the cushion, with the face in full view of the audience. Then he took his own station at a distance of several feet, standing with his back turned to the 'ble. The usual tests followed. The young woman, although apparently asleep, told numbers and names, in reponse to suggetions from persons in the audience, and answered questions.

"We will now proceed to the last and most difficult test," said the professor LeBlanc, "that of answering written questions sent to the stage and read only by myself, and that not

Slips of paper were handed through the seats. When the ushers offered them to Pendleton be waved them back, but a moment later, as if on second impulse, he reached out for a slip, wrote a few words upon it, and sent it up to the stage with the others.

The professor unfolded each slip, read it, and then, without a word, waited until his daughter answered the question which had been written upon the paper. Ejaculations of wonder, and sometimes of amusement, from different places in the room, showed that many of the questions

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were answered with surprising accuracy.

Pendleton looked on carelessly. He had no faith in the operation as anything but an adroit ex bibition of sleight of hand, and no interest in it further than to admire the skill of the performers.

Prof. LeBlanc unfolded a paper and read the question on it. For the first time the young Woman hesitated, and she waited so long that finally her father, as if to help her, read the question over to himself again. A moment later the girl spoke, more as if in conversation with someone than in answer to a question, and said:

"Francis Pendleton is not dead."

No one in the audience knew Henry Pendleton, or connected the well-dressed man in of the reserved seats with this answer. No one, therefore noticed how pale he grew. People looked about them for some sign of interest in this answer, and seeing and hearing none, judged that the person who had written the question had gone home, and so turned to the stage to wait for the next answer.

The question which Henry Pendleton had written on his slip of paper had been, "Where is my brother, Francis Pendleton, buried?"

No wonder that the answer made him grow pale, and say over and over to himself, "It is a trick. They cannot really know. It was only a shrewd guess on the girl's part."

Francis Pendleton had been an officer in an American Company in Cuba, and had died there. At least it had been reported that he had died, although there had been confusion and contradiction as to time and place, and final information as to where, he had been buried had been wholly lacking. The two brothers had been very dear to each other, and since peace had been declared Henry Pendleton had gone again and again over the field of the war in Cuba, seeking his older brother's grave. It was only recently that he had given up the search and come back to the States to take up again his long neglected business life.

All that night, after he had gone to his hotel, he did not sleep. By morning, although half angry with himself for doing so, he had resolved to seek out the mind readers and see if he could get any satisfaction from a talk with

The clerk in the hotel office did not know where the performers at the Park stopped. No doubt the proprietor of the theater there knew, he said, but it was noon before Pendleton found this man, and then only to learn that the engagement of Prof. LeBlanc and his daughter had ended with the previous evening and that they had taken a midnight train for

Pendleton said to himself, "How foolish to think more of them. I will put the matter out of my mind," and then finished up his business as quickly as he could, and bought a ticket for the city to which the LeBlancs had gone.

When he came to meet the professor and his daughter he was somewhat surprised to find them refined, well-educated people, not at all the obvious imposters whom he had expected. The young woman said frankly, "I cannot explain what I do, for I do not understand it myself. I only know that I seem to be dreaming. When I wake I learn that I have been talking of the places and people I have seen in my dreams, and I find that some of the people who hear me recognize in what I have said answers to questions which they have asked." Pendleton's question of a few days before, the young woman remembered nothing.

During this interview Pendleton told them nothing of his reasons for seeking them out, other than that he had been interested in a previous test which he had seen them make. He reasoned to himself that the less these people knew of the matter which he wished to investigate, the easier it would be for him to decide if he were being imposed upon.

"Come to the theater tonight and make another trial," said the professor.

"Possibly;" was the answer.

That night the young man wrote on the slip of paper which he sent up to the stage: "Where is Francis Pendleton?"

read questions came from the lips of the apparently unconscious young woman. The man listened eagerly to the first words of each and then, when he found that they did not concern him, waited impatiently for the next.

"I see a slight young man standing beneath orange trees. The fruit falls vellow about him. I cannot see his face. His head seems hidden in a cloud. From his left hand two fingers have been cut. A black man comes and leads him away. I see the ocean gleam through the trees, and warships float upon the water."

Pendleton knew that his question was answered. But was that all?

The next night he asked, "What is the name of the place where Francis Pendleton is living?" and got no answer. The next night he tried again. "Is Francis Pendleton in Havana?" and was answered "No." Then he asked "Santiago?" and received a similar reply. The next night, almost by chance, he wrote upon his slip of paper the word, "Tampa?"

"He is at Tampa," was the reply. There was no intimation as to who it was that was at Tampa, but Pendleton felt sure it was his question which was answered, and that night start-

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Weeks of search in Tampa and its vicinity were fruitless. Advertisements were of no avail. At times Pendleton swore he had been tricked; and told himself that he would give up the search.

One day he had gone a few miles into the country to a village in which there had seemed to be a clue. The journey had proved as useless as the others and he was returning discouraged. The heat and the monotony of a slow local train combined to make him fall asleep. There came to him in a dream the sight of the girl, back in the New England forest, and once more he heard her say: "I see a slight

young man standing beneath orange trees-A breath of air which seemed to him, sleeping, to be fragrant with the scent of hemlocks, blew over his face and woke him. The train was running slowly, as Florida trains seem to like to do-through an orange grove. The yellow fruit hung from the trees and gleamed upon the ground, and there, standing beneath one of the trees, Henry Pendleton saw his brother. Even while he watched through the open car window, a black man came and took his brother by the hand and led him away among the trees.

Pendleton would have jumped from the train if the brakeman would have let him. The best he could do was to hasten back from the next station. He found the orange grove, and living in it in a neat little new log house, his brother, physically strong but mentally a wreck, tenderly cared for by the black man who owned the plantation and the other houses upon it.

"He saved my life in a fight there, one day," the negro said, "and just a few minutes later dropped down himself as if dead from the heat of the sun. I pulled him into the bushes, and then the Spaniards came that way and I didn't dare to come out. I found a native hut and got him into that, and took care of him. Before he was strong enough to stand up the troops had gone. I put him on to a sponge sloop and brought him here. I own my little place and he should never have wanted for food. He is good, but he has never known anything since that day he fell down in the

Nor did the man knew his brother. Henry Pendleton might have been the greatest stranger in all the world to him. Of the two he went quickest to the negro's side.

All that passed away, though, under skillful brain surgery in a New York hospital, and in time Henry Pendleton had his brother back, town, Philadelphia, Pa. "Words fail to express clothed and in his right mind. When he came how thankful I am to you for your advice. I to know all of the strange circumstances conmust confess that for the length of time I have nected with his return to life is it any wonder been using your medicine I have found it to be that he wished to see Alline LeBlanc? All the most wonderful and best remedy for female trace of the man and woman seemed lost until sympathy.

walking down a sidewalk in Boston, met a man whom Henry Pendleton stopped and spoke to. It was Professor LeBlanc. He was dressed in black, and looked years older the months which had passed would have seemed to call

"My daughter is dead," he said, to the young man's question, and then, before they could say more, he had passed on into the crowd.

If you ask me why I tell this story, which must always be unfinished, I can only say that I had it to tell. I think the reason must have been that as I grow older I come more and more to feel that one ought to have charity of mind as well as of heart.

There are many things in this world which we cannot understand—not at first, at least. Is it not better to say of them, "I do not know," than to cry at once, "It is foolish, wrong, fraud,

The Counsellor's Appointment.

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OUNG Mr. Robinson, known professionally as William-B. Robinson, Esq., was plainly out of sorts. Apparently there was no good reason for this, for he had done a good morning's work, and had had a more elaborate luncheon and a much better cigar than usual. Moreover his fee was in his pocket and he intended to spend two happy hours that afternoon listening to Madam whose last piano recital for several seasons was announced. He had told his wife not to

call for him on her way to the concert hall, fearing that some business might interfere with their proposed pleasure, but that he would join her if he could get away.

Now, as he sat at his desk looking through the columns of the "Enquirer" having a top drawer open for its sudden concealment in case a hand should rest on his doorknob or a shadow pause before his glass door, there was a distinct frown upon his fine face. Five minutes earlier, seemingly at peace with the world, his expression had been calm and he had hummed softly to himself as he drew up his chair and unfastened the red ribbon from a package of severe looking papers so as to appear busily engaged should a client suddenly call; but now he was in a savage temper. The mere ringing of his telephone bell had of itself produced no more than the customary fleeting scowl of impatience, but he had sworn under his breath when in response to his "Hello" that curt message had come-"Burton wants me to tell you to be in your office without fail a little before half past two."

Now this same Burton was a good and wealthy client with a most admirable faculty of getting into trouble, but his interviews were invariably irritating because of their great length. So Robinson swore, as I said, then answering "all right" had proceeded to work up a bit of a rage which had held him ever since.

Madame's recital was down for two thirty, and the "Sonata Pathetique" (his favorite) was her third number, and must be over long before he could part from his client. "Confound the old fool and his affairs!" he stormed. "I hate this being tied to my desk, anyway! Why didn't I know enough to cut loose early and not get caught here until tomorrow. This everlasting business is always interfering with a fellow's pleasures, and no one but my wife has any feeling for me when I have to stay away from such a recital as this. I suppose if I loved whiskey instead of good music, I'd get more sympathy when I absent myself cccasionally, and most people would say, "poor chap," instead of "crank!"

"Well, I've got to stay here and see him, of course, but it's a cursed shame all the same!"

Now all this goes to show that our young friend was in better accord with Beethoven and Schubert and Mendelssohn than Blackstone, Addison and Storey, and this outbreak was by no means his first of the kind. The elder Robinson had been a stern cold man of the law, powerful mentally, but deaf and blind artistically, and no one knew whence his son and professional successor had acquired his absorbing love for art. That he had it, could not be denied, and he was often miserable in consequence. Music, especially, was his 'curse' as he himself put it in moments of impatient anger, and those of us who know what a jealous mistress she is and how she demands attention and devotion at all sorts of inopportune moments, can give him ready

He had inherited but one trait from his father,—a rare one too, in a music lover—a keen appreciation of the need of something serious appreciation of the need of something serious in the way of a life work, and a full realization of the effects of that careless disregard of such which seemed to characterize most of his "artist" acquaintances. Therefore he worked, not so much to acquire money as to avoid those troubles which come from the lack of it. His troubles which come from the lack of it. His law studies had always been irksome to him, and while he had by hard work mastered their foundation principles, he had never found them interesting or attractive. He probably would never have fought his way to the Bar had it not been for this inherited commercial instinct which showed the probability of succeeding to his father's lucrative practice if he would but prepare himself to receive it. So strong was his taste for music, even in his earlier youth, that his promotion into the Junior class at the Law school had been seriously imperilled by the fact that on the day set for exstrong was his taste for music, even in his earlier youth, that his promotion into the Junior class at the Law school had been seriously imperilled by the fact that on the day set for examinations the pupils of the Conservatory of Music in the adjoining building held their closing exercises. The day being warm and windows open, the June breeze had brought the sound of the piano into the class-room where he sat with but one hour allotted for the answering of ten dry and complicated questions on "Contracts." So absorbed was he in listening that forty minutes had slipped by before he had written a word. He had been noting with pleased surprise the near approach to the requisite in the smooth playing of the "Nachtstuck;" the unusual power of execution in the opening bars of Schumann's "Etudes Symphoniques," and the dainty lightness of a Chopin study, and did not care a whit whether "A's" telegrams to "B" about the purchase of "a certain number of bales of cotton of a certain weight and quality, to be delivered at a certain place, at a certain time, by a certain railroad, for a certain price," and "B's" wired message in reply thereto, did or did not "constitute a binding agreement."

A pause in the Conservatory program brought him to his senses, face to face with the fact that only twenty minutes were left for work, and that the other fellows were red-faced and tousled from their anxious exertions. Fortunately he recalled the advice of a friendly Senior, who had said to him that morning, "Robbie, old man, when you get old Burnett's paper on "Contracts' pick out the first question you see that you are sure of, and write all you can about it. The old man told me once, when I was helping him examine some papers, that he would never turn down a man who could discuss any one of his questions broadly and intelligently so as to convince him of absolute understanding of the points involved." This bit of advice had pulled Robinson through on "Contracts."

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Since the student had become the practitioner he had fought this same fight within himself many times, and the conflict of to-day was but a repetition of many similar experiences.

The determination to wait for old Burton, while it was made instantly, was but the working out of many of these early mental struggles in which better judgment, accompanied by bad temper, always prevailed.

Looking once more into the office we find that the "Enquirer" has been thrown aside, and that a second cigar is being flercely puffed—also that the papers in "Burton vs. Harris" have been hauled out from their tin restingplace for one more thorough reading.

As Robinson is in the midst of an effort to master the tiresome details of the case, a light step sounds in the hall, and in a second or two the opening door reveals Mrs. Robinson clad in her very best, and asking, "Shall you be able to go, dear?"

"No," he replies, drawing her to a chair, and

her very best, and asking, go, dear?"

"No," he replies, drawing her to a chair, and speaking wearily, for his anger has gone, leaving only keen disappointment. "I must wait here for old Burton. He telephoned in a little while ago, saying I must be sure to be here a little before half past two. Hard luck, I call it. What are you laughing at?" he says, swinging 'round in his chair in surprise (for heretofore Mrs. Robinson has always been sweetly sympathetic on these occasions).

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"Oh! you poor dear boy!" she stammers, choking with merriment, "get your coat on this minute. It was I who sent that telephone message because I had left my purse at home and must see you before the concert. I was so busy when I got in town that I couldn't come 'way down here to find you, so I got Uncle George to call you up from his store and tell you I would be in just before half past and for you to be sure to wait, and"—But Robinson had got into his coat. A neat card bearing the legend, "Out of Town—Return to-morrow", was already on the door, and as the key turned, two gloved hands squeezed his arm and a soft was already on the door, and as the key turned, two gloved hands squeezed his arm and a soft voice said apologetically, "Really, Will, I never once thought that 'Bertha' and 'Burton' might sound alike over the wire!"

The Severed Hand.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT BY HENRIETTA R. HINCKLEY.

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FIRST swung my shingle to the breeze in a thriving little town a few miles out of Boston. Like all country doctors my night calls often exceeded my day's work so I was not surprised one night when a carriage drove up in front of my house a little before midnight and an imperative ring at the bell summoned my presence. I responded to the bell as soon as possible, and upon opening the door was surprised to see a masked

on my fingers. But I was ambitious and poor, and knew it would not do to speak of inexperience.

"Do you wish to earn five hundred dollars before morning?" he asked next. My heart throbbed with delight but I replied cautiously:

"If I could earn such an amount honestly I should be pleased to do so, but when a man comes to me with a mask over his face, it looks suspicious. I will do no dirty work, much as I need the money."

need the money."

He replied in a cold, haughty tone that he required the services of a surgeon and he was willing to pay liberally. If he did not wish to reveal his identity that was his own business. If I did not desire the work he would seek help elsewhere. I could not risk losing so large a fee and asked in a more conciliatory tone what the nature of the operation was.

"It is the amputation of a hand," he replied.

"My wife has been bitten by a poisonous reptile and unless the hand is amputated at once she will lose her arm, perhaps her life. Have you the proper instruments, and can you come

you the proper instruments, and can you come at once?"

My interest and sympathy were aroused at once and I commenced to pack my surgical

case.
"I shall need assistance," I said.
"I will assist you," he replied. "I am somewhat of a surgeon myself. There is a nurse who will help by administering the chloroform."

I was soon ready and we entered the carriage and were driven rapidly through the muddy streets. It was impossible for me to keep track of the locality after we left the town and entered the country roads, with trees to obstruct the view and the rain pouring in sheets upon the small glass in the door. We stopped, after an hour's ride, at the side entrance of what looked to be a large, handsome, summer residence with extensive grounds surrounding it. There were no lights and I must confess to a qualmish feeling as I followed my guide up the wet stone steps into the portico, and waited for him to unfasten the massive door.

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wet stone steps into the portico, and waited for him to unfasten the massive door.

When we entered the hall I was grateful for the warmth and a dim light that revealed a handsome interior. I followed my masked guide up a broad flight of stairs and through another dimly lighted hall to a chamber. Here, also, the lights were dim, but I could see that it was luxuriously furnished. In the center of the room stood a large canopied bed. The curtains were looped back from one side, revealing the outlines of a form.

"I shall need more light," I said.

My guide spoke to a woman who had been standing on the other side of the bed, unnoticed by me until she crossed the room to fetch a lamp which stood on a small table. I then saw that she wore the attire of a nurse. Approaching the bed I bent over the patient, who lay motionless, her face turned from me. The arrangement of her hair and the draperies were such that all I could see was a small dainty ear and a pale cheek on which rested long, dark lashes. Her hand and arm lay on the outside of the coverlet. The hand was bandaged.

I wished to take the pulse and examine the condition of my patient before beginning the operation, but the husband convinced me that she was comfortable and already under the influence of an anesthetic, and it was not best to disturb her, but hasten the operation before it

fluence of an anesthetic, and it was not best to disturb her, but hasten the operation before it was too late.

was too late.

The nurse had already prepared towels, sponges and water, and deftly helped me arrange the rubber blanket under the arm of the patient. It hen gently removed the bandages, and a small, beautifully formed hand lay exposed. But upon the back was a red mark, surrounded by a discolored circle. The fingers were purple and cold. It was a very bad looking hand, indeed, and I firmly believed that only amoutation would save the arm, and per-

ing hand, indeed, and I firmly believed that only amputation would save the arm, and perhaps the life of the poor girl upon the bed.

I had not yet grown callous with much cutting, and I needed all my nerve to sink my knife into the pretty white wrist. Beads of perspiration covered my forehead, but I pressed my lips firmly together while I swiftly and silently did my work. It was finished at last; the arteries tied; the last stitch taken; and the poor little discarded hand lay in the midst of bloody cloths and wet sponges.

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All doctors take a certain amount of pleasure in preserving tumors, tapeworms, and other gruesome trophies of their surgical skill. So while pretending to sweep all refuse together and deposit in the jar brought by the nurse, I slipped the little hand into my pocket.

The patient was recovering from the effect of the chloroform and in a safe condition to leave, so, as the husband seemed anxious I should depart as soon as possible, I repacked my surgical case, received my fee in bank notes, and was hustled into the carriage.

"I must see your wife again in about three days," I said, as he was about to shut the carriage door.

Inen with the order to "drive like the devil" the coachman touched up his horses, and we drove away.

I tried my best to distinguish the route, but all I could see were trees, vacant meadows, and now and then a farm house. It must have been about four o'clock when I reached home, for the gray light of a new day was lighting the landscape.

I went to my office and locked myself in. Drawing the hand from my pocket, I examined it with much professional pride. What a pretty hand it must have been before its beauty was marred. Taking a microscope, I scrutinized the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot her the spot where the reptile had fastened its scratch or a heart of the spot her the spot her the spot her the deadly fanges. marred. Taking a microscope, I scrutinized the spot where the reptile had fastened its deadly fangs. To my surprise there was no scratch or abrasion of the skin, and what had

looked like mortification by lamp light, now looked like a dark stain.

With wildly beating heart, I took a wet sponge and drew it across the hand. My suspicions were confirmed when the stain was suspicions were confirmed when the stain was washed away revealing the marble white flesh beneath, without scar, scratch, or blemish of any kind. I sank into a chair overcome by my discovery. I had amputated a healthy hand! There was no poisonous bite; no disease; no occasion for its removal. My God! what did it mean. I had been made the dupe and tool of some devil in human shape. The hand had been skillfully painted and bandaged to decieve me.

man. He entered and asked me if I were a surgeon. I unhesitatingly answered poor young thing say when she returned to consciousness and found a bleeding stump in place of her pretty white hand?



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I walked up and down the room in a frenzy of horror. I put on my hat and started to notify the police; but when I reached the door I realized it would be useless, as I could not direct them to the house. I was helpless to make any effort. I must drop the case just where it was, enveloped in mystery and horror, and try to dismiss it from my mind.

I placed the hand in a jar of alcohol—I could not bring myself to bury it—and placed it on the top shelf of my closet, out of sight.

It was years before I could use a surgical knife without a shudder, but time dulls all sensations be they grief or pain, so, as the years glided by the memory of that night's horror became more like a dream than an actual experience.

perience.

About two years ago I was called to the bed-side of a woman who had been convicted of murder and sentenced to the gallows for kill-ing her husband. It looked as though the law was to be deprived of administering the proper punishment, and in spite of judge and jury the roor woman was about to escape and plead her

punishment, and in spite of judge and jury the poor woman was about to escape and plead her case before a higher tribunal. So I was sent for to prevent the escape if possible, and save her neck for the hangman's noose.

I had read her trial with much interest, and sympathized with the poor woman, goaded to desperation by a brutal husband. I was glad of the opportunity of seeing her, and when called I obeyed with alacrity. I had seen pictures of her in the papers, but they poorly represented the sweet patient face I saw resting upon the coarse pillow in a convict cell. She turned, and gazed at me with her big mournturned, and gazed at me with her big mournful eyes, and said:
"Don't try to save me, doctor, I have nothing

"Don't try to save me, doctor, I have nothing to live for, and it would be easier to die this way, than that other," and she shuddered. I tried to speak words of comfort and cheer, and expressed my sympathy for her. She seemed grateful, and thanked me.

I was about to place my fingers upon her wrist when she drew it away, exclaiming with a bitter laugh:

"You will find no pulse there, doctor that is an artificial hand."

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I drew back with a shudder, gazing at the waxy member with fascinated eyes. It was the counterpart of the little white hand hid away on the top shelf of my surgical closet.

"How long ago did you lose it!" I asked, in trembling tones.

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"Eight years last March," she answered.

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"Eight years last March," she answered. sadly.

"How?" I gasped.

"When I was young," she continued, in the same low, sad tone. "I possessed a quick, passionate temper, and one day, taunted to the verge of madness by a jealous husband, I struck him. In revenge he drugged me, hired some accomplices, and had the hand that dared to strike him cut off. It was a fiendish act, and well worthy of him. I left him, and with my child sought my parents' protection. He stole my child and, when I heard how it had died of neglect, crying for mamma, I struck him again. This time I had a knife, so he did not live long enough to have the other hand cut off. I am not sorry I did it, but I would rather pass away peacefully, if you will let me," and she gazed pleadingly into my face.

Here was the solution to the mystery that had haunted me for years. I had been instrumental in carrying out the cruel revenge of a brutal husband. There was one gleam of comfort, she had killed the brute and I was glad of it.

By skillful questioning I obtained the whole sad history of her unhappy life, and at its conclusion I told her of my share in the terrible deed and implored her forgiveness for unconsciously aiding her inhuman husband. She exonerated me from all blame, making me

deed and implored her forgiveness for unconsciously aiding her inhuman husband. She exonerated me from all blame, making me happier than I had been for years.

I visited her daily and in spite of her remonstrances I worked hard for her recovery, and was at last rewarded. She slowly regained her beautiful.

health.

Now a new horror assailed me. I had brought her back from the grave; I had saved her life. For what? Death upon the gallows! I had learned to love her, and she returned my love. Must this be the end? No, a thou-



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A Little Rebel.

A True Story.

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O-ho! You wish that you might go with me to meet the Invaders, do you, little Angel?

"Why, you were afeared at the invasion of a harmless mouse within your chamber, but yester morn!

"And, what could you do, either? The sight of those waving plumes and scarlet jackets would fright you out of all the spirit there is within your little body, let alone the rattle of sword and bayonet, and the boom and roar of cannon!

"But, wast a ad now. Sunshine! Then should you don sword and buckler, 'And off to the wars,' with your old

soldier father, in truth, child! "But, hie away, sweet, to your spinnet and embroidery frame, as doth best befit you, and think not upon dour war and soldiery!

"Farewell, now, my Angel, and send up your prayers, prithee, 'till father comes safe and victoriously home again to his little maid!"

So bidding adieu to his devoted daughter, brave old General Schuyler rode away with his men to meet and drive back that great army threatening the invasion of New York, and the other strong places in its vicinity.

Down the steep hill the rebel soldiers clattered, across the bridge and out of sight; and little Angelike stood ruefully watching them until they were gone.

"If only she were a lad!"
That was what her father had said. And he doubted her spirit, and had laughed at her, because she had run from a little mouse.
"I know that I must seem a silly little coward,

or father would never have made such sport of me, and he so brave and noble!" she murmured in bitter displeasure with herself.

Then she went slowly back toward the fine old colonial mansion on the heights above the busy city of Albany, where she was born and had always lived.

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But what would little sixteen years old Angel have thought, could her bright eyes have pierced the veil of the future, and seen her dear home again and again changed owners, after it had passed from the descendants of her soldier father, until at last it was used for an orphan girls' school?

Her own dainty chamber, where she was every night tucked snugly into her dimity covered and curtained bed with tender, loving mother hands, become remodeled into a dormitory for motherless little ones.

But the loving hands, and Angel's dimpled ones have long been folded at rest.

Little Angel went around to the stables to pet her brown pony, 'Patra, trying so to forget her mortification and sorrow.

While she stood stroking 'Patra's glossy mane, as she contentedly ate her sliced carrots, Angel heard:

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"Dem Redcoats gwine jes' cum' 'n' tak' 'session ob eberything!
"Ol' Pharo' say his broder, dat am body sarbent to dat Tory gin' ral, tole him dat dey all's chucklin' 'bout how's dey'll all feas' 'n' feed 'n' fodder on ol' mas'rs' rich fiels, 'n' roas' hull oxes 'n' pigs 'n' mak' a raid on de but'ry 'n' de wine cellar!

"To tink ob all dem fine fiel's ob grain, dat wheat 'n' rye 'n' oats 'n' barley, to be all swooped down on, 'n' trompled un'er foot, to feed dem Redcoats! I 'clar, I jes' can't stan' it nohows!"

"Dat so, dat's so, jes' mak's me wrathy clar through!"
"Why don't you cut it, then? Cut and store

"Why don't you cut it, then? Cut and store it, hide it away, instead of standing there talking about it, you lazy fellows!" exclaimed Angelike, with angry, sparkling light in her eyes, that made Cæsar cringe, and ejaculate, "Look jes' lak' ol' mas'r gin'ri', 'clar!" "Bress you, Miss 'Gleke!" spoke up old Pomp', "Couldn't do dat, nohows, all dem gre't fiel's! 'N' 'sides, mas'r didn't tol' us to, 'n' we darsn't tech it 'til mas'r tol' us to, nohows!"

LA LINE WHO IS

Would the Redcoats—must they—come and despoil all her beautiful, fair home?
She looked out on the broad table lands, where her father's rich fields of grain were waving and gleaming in the glow of the setting sun.

ting sun.

Long she sat by the open window, breathing the sweet scented air and wondering why there should be cruel war to break up and destroy peaceful and happy homes like hers.

"Yes, war is wicked and I hate it, and I'm only a girl, and a paltry coward at that!" she sighed. "But if I were only father's brave lad, though, I would never make war on the innocent and harmless, yet how I'd battle for those beautiful fields of grain and for our dear home!"

home!"
And the last thing before she climbed into her quaint white bed she took a lingering look at those heavy, spreading grain fields of her beloved father, with no one to defend and save them from the enemy.

When she went out the next morning to greet 'Patra, old Pomp' rushed up toward her breathless, with the whites only of his eyes showing, bursting forth with "Oh, Missy 'Gleke! Missy 'Gleke!" but could only roll his eyes and beat his poor old hands and head, ur-

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til Angel sternly bade him behave and tell her what was the matter.

"'Deed, little mist'es, whateber you t'ink?" he gasped fearfully. "Whateber you t'ink happen dem fiel's now! Dem Redcoats jes, done gwine 'n' 'sess 'n' pillage dem fiel's, mas's' grain fiel's, in de night time, 'n' him plum done gwine to meet 'em, too!"

"Oh, Pomp'! Have they come at night and plundered our beautiful fields while we were all asleep! And they didn't come near the house, after all! They couldn't have or we surely must have seen or heard them. But not a sound nor sign of them has there been. How strange. How could they cut and carry off all those great fields of grain and not awaken a single one of us all?"

"Why, Missy 'Gleke, dey didn't nebber carry dem off—couldn't nohows, 'thout 'wakin' ol' Pomp', sartain! Dey's burned 'em! Jes' gwine 'n' burned all dem gre't fiel's of mas'rs' grain plum' right down to de groun'!"

Strange it may seem, but before leaving her room in the morning, Angel had not once thought of those fields, nor even looked from her window. Now she turned and fairly flew toward them.

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And when she saw the dreadful, blackened waste of still smoking and scorched and burning fields, where only yesterday the rich waving grain stood, she looked wildly around and clasping her head in her hands, shrieked:

"Oh, my dream, my horrible dream! It's come true! I did it, I did it! I burned the field's myself, so that the Redcoats might not have them! Oh, oh! I dreamed that I did. I'd forgotten all about it. But I remember now! I got up in the night and set fire to and burned all my father's fields of grain so that the Redcoats couldn't pillage them! Oh, what will father say?"

father say?"

And then little Angelike fainted entirely away, and old Pomp' carried her into the house to her mother.

They found her little night-gown all charred

with the coals which she had gathered at the covered fire in the big kitchen fireplace and carried out among the day grain, and which the strong wind had fanned into a quick blaze, that had worked such destruction.

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when she had recovered from her faint, her mother pityingly said, "Oh, Angelike, daughter, you've been walking in your sleep again!"
"What will my father say?" was all Angelike's rooly

ing in your sleep again!"

"What will my father say?" was all Angelike's reply.

What the leader of the invading host said when he came and found that those fine fields, which he had hoped himself to see gathered and garnered, had been already reaped by flaming sickle, were words of wrath and sore disappointment.

But when he had heard the story of their strange garnering, he laughed right merrily and called for Angelike, who, perforce and much against her wish and proud spirit, must go at the command and make answer for what she had done.

"I liked not," she bravely replied, when questioned about what she had done, "I liked not that others should unjustly reap what my father had sown and labored for!"

Then she sorrowfully and humbly bent the stately small head, before thrown so proudly back, and sadly and regretfully said:

"And yet I meant not to destroy my father's beautiful fields!"

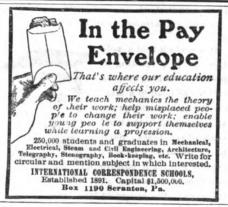
The Redcoat General looked at her sharply, while she flinched not and added,

"The field's are my father's and you had no right to pillage them!"

"True. Might does not make right," thoughtfully and gravely answered the General, as he kindly stroked little Angelike's uplifted head, and smiling, said,

"Forsooth! A brave little rebel!"

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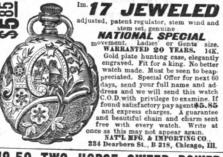
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The position of Lord Chief Justice of England is one of great responsibility and distinction. The new chief justice to succeed Lord Russell, Lord Alverstone, has long been considered one of the leaders of the English bar and it

was anticipated that he would be offered the great position. The new chief justice is fortyeight years of age. His former title was Sir Richard Everard Webster. His early education was gained at the famous King's College School Charterhouse and at Trinity College Cambridge. He ranked high as a student and his success was predicted while he was still at college. Cambridge early recognized his ability and growing success by giving him the honorary degrees of M. A. and LL. D. In 1862 he was admitted to the bar although he was but twenty years of age. He held minor offices in the court of exchequer. In 1885, he entered the English parliament and in the same year was chosen attorney general. He was twice reappointed to this position. He has been prominently connected with many important ability as a lawyer and the merit that he has shown in filling lesser positions.

The Empress Dowager of Germany has had rather a sad life even for royalty. Her recent illness showed that she had a real place in the hearts of the people of both Germany and England. Her many graces and virtues have won this kindly feeling in spite of many adverse political influences. Victoria, Princess Royal of England is Queen Victoria's eldest child. In 1858 she married Crown Prince Frederick of Germany. The marriage was a happy one but the German people had an idea that the English princess had too much influence with her husband. Six children were born all of whom are living. The eldest son is Emperor of Germany and the youngest daughter has married Prince Frederick of Hesse. Eighteen grandchildren are living, seven of whom are children of the present Emperor. Victoria ruled as Empress but a few months and those months were full of anxiety as to the health of the Emperor. In 1888 the fatal malady under whose shadow his reign had commenced reached a fatal termination. Many rumors of strained relations between the Emperor and his mother have been heard but to all appearances he has always been a faithful and devoted son.

On January the seventeenth Holland's girl queen will wed. She has announced the fact in the Official Gazette. For three years she has ruled the little kingdom of dykes, windmills and colonial possessions and all the world has smiled kindly at her as the fairy princess of the century. Her Prince Consort is Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. He is twenty-four while the Queen is twenty-one. The young Duke is not very well known outside of court circles of his own duchy. His British army. Wolseley saw his first active house is one of the oldest in Europe and traces its descent through twenty-five generations. Crimea, being carried from the field as dead. the Brown University School for Women His full name is Henry Vladimir Albert Ernest. His first independent command was in Canada, opened and Miss Woolley was one of the first body He is a lieutenant of Russian hussar and an officer of one of the line regiments of Mecklenburg. He is quiet and unobtrusive and is said to have many elements of strength in his character. Be it as it may, he has won the affection of the young queen for this royal marriage unlike most is a love match. It was only last year that Queen Wilhelmina met the Duke at Berlin. She had heard much of him through his sister-in-law who is one of the Queen's intimates. It was a case of love at first sight as Queen Wilhelmina refused to attend a dinner when aspirants for her hand were to be presented claiming that she had a cold. Soon after she returned to Holland and after inquiries had developed only favorable reports of the young Duke, Wilhelmina was given the opportunity for further acquaintance. So favorable to Duke Henry was the result that the Prime Minister was called to the summer palace to receive the news of the formal betrothal of his young ruler. The Queen gave leisure that has come at the end of his active der, a brunette with deep thoughtful brown SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. (Inc.), CHIC

you see him, you will, I am sure, be of opinion ing country home, and an entire wing of that I could not make a better choice whether | Hampton Court has been set aside for his use. for myself or my people." So they are to be married and many thousands even in democratic America will say sincerely "May she be happy ever after" for the Girl Queen has won the fancy and affection of a world.

The niece of President McKinley is a teacher in a Connecticut High School. Of her own choice Grace McKinley has planned to work out her own ideals of a self-supporting woman. Miss McKinley is but twenty-one years of age. She is very attractive in appearance with a tall handsome figure, dark brown curly hair and deep blue eyes. Her father was James McKinley brother to the President. He wont to San Francisco to make his fortune. He died without having achieved success and his wife soon followed him leaving the little orphan of three years to the care of her grandmother McKinley. A year ago last June the young woman received the degree of B. A. from Mount Holyoke College. Both the President and Mrs. McKinley were present at the Commencement. It is said that they offered to adopt their niece and give her the pleasures and advantages that a residence in the White House afford. Miss Grace spent one winter in Washington but the desire was strong within her to use the educacases and his elevation to the chief justiceship tion she had gained in a practical way and last is considered a just tribute to his practical September she took a position in a High School. There is a commendable spirit of independence in this choice. It requires more than average devotion to an ideal to forego all that a Washington winter can offer to pursue a line of work in a quiet little New England village.



Field Marshal, Viscount Wolseley, has resigned the place of Commander-in-Chief of the British Navy to Lord Roberts. His active career as a soldier may be considered as finished but his ceaseless self activ-

ity will show itself in his cultivation of the many interests that he has found time to develop even in the strenuous life of a soldier. Viscount Wolseley has a many sided nature. Soldiering has been his vocation but his avocations include a knowledge of values of bric-abrac, a fondness for sketching and a love of literature. He has written some books, among them being an account of the rebellion in China in 1860. He is now engaged in his favorite project of writing a life of England's greatest soldier, Marlborough. This thought has been in his mind for forty years and he expects to visit the scenes of all of Marlborough's battles from Blenheim down, and to compare the tactics employed with the geography of the battlefields. Wolseley's career as a soldier has been a steady course of advancement, won wholly by his own merits. When he was retired from the highest position in the army he could feel that his rank was won almost against the work. The record of Miss Mary E. Woolcourt and social influence. General Wolselev comes of a line of soldiers. One of his ancestors served under the soldier statesman, William III, and his own father was a major in the service in Burmah. He served all through the student of history. A few weeks after this, in charge of the Red River expedition. At this time he was but thirty-six years of age. From that time his advance was rapid. He was a Major General at forty; General at fifty, Field Marshal at sixty. The personal side of his character is the element that has made him successful. He has a splendid exuberant vitality that gives him courage and lightheartedness in the face of difficulties that would daunt a man of different temperament. He has a wholesome distaste for mere detail and millinery but a faculty for grasping the essential points of a situation that has led him to success. During the time when he was at the head of the British army he introduced many radical changes and reforms. Time has demonstrated the practical necessity of some of his reforms and the loss to England resulting from a neglect of his advice. This last has been very evident during the Boer war. Viscount Wolseley has two homes where he may spend the ity for Women. Miss Woolley is tall and slen-

the name of the favored man and said, "When service. At Gleynde, near Lewes, is a charm-

1901 witnesses the retirement of the only man in the navy who ever rose from a gunner's mate to the rank of rear admiral. Captain Nehemiah Mayo Dyer was born in the quaint town of Provincetown in 1839. He was educated in the public schools but the voice of the sea called him and at the age of fourteen he entered the merchant marine. During the Civil War he served a year as a soldier, but in 1862 he was appointed master's mate in the navy. For the daring capture and burning of the Isabel he was made commander of the Glasgow. The end of the war found him with a lieutenant's commission in the regular service. Once during a hurricane in the Pacific he jumped overboard to rescue a sailor. For this brave act he received the medal of the Massachusetts Humane Society and the official commendation of the secretary of the navy. In the battle of Manila, Captain Dyer commanded the Baltimore. A sword was presented to him by the people of the city of Baltimore on his return. Captain Dyer is quiet and unassuming but his magnetic gray eyes show the spirit that has placed him at the top. He is to be retired with the rank of rear admiral but the active service loses one of its most picturesque figures by this retirement.

Edward Strauss with his great orchestra of fifty musicians will be heard in our largest cities during this winter. This is his first visit since 1890 when he visited sixty-one cities of America. Vienna is the foremost musical city of the world and no small part of her fame comes to her through the Strauss family. Johan Strauss, the father of Edward, established the famous orchestra in 1823. His son, Edward, was educated for the consular service and graduated in philosophy. But the love of music was inborn and not to be conquered and in 1862 he became leader of the famous orchestra. For twenty years he has made extended summer tours with his orchestra, and in the last twenty-two years he has visited more than eight hundred cities in the two hemispheres. With his orchestra he has given concerts at fourteen international expositions. Thirtytwo different rulers have given him valuable tokens of their regard. He holds the position of imperial and royal court ball music director of Austria-Hungary. He has published over three hundred of his own compositions and two hundred arrangements of operas.

It is seldom that a college course, a training in practical teaching and the call to the head of a famous school and college are all compassed in the brief space of ten years. Such phenomenal success argues a certain culture and fitness preceding all



ley compasses all this achievement. She is the daughter of a Congregational minister and graduated at Wheaton Seminary at Norton, Massachusetts. In 1891 she asked for permission to enter Brown University as a special students. She had a capability for study that became almost genius. She made up the Greek work during the summer, took the regular studies of the sophomore year and the post graduate work in history. She had an active interest in all that pertained to college life and Dr. Andrews predicted that she would find her life work at the head of a woman's college. She once said that one great difference between college men and women was that the girls studied harder while the men thought more. Miss Woolley became instructor in Biblical history at Wellesley College. Her course became very popular and Smith college made her a flattering offer while her old school the Wheaton Seminary called her to its head. She preferred to remain at Wellesley. During this time she was very active in the work of the Rhode Island Women's Committee which raised the money to endow the Brown Univers-

eyes. She is domestic in her tastes and prides herself upon her cooking more than she does upon her scholarship. All in all, she seems just the one to preserve the simple wholesome ideals that made Mount Holyoke distinctive, while her ability and scholarly attainment will fit the new and broader life of a college, as Mount Holvoke has become.

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prize possible for a yacht to win. It is estimated that the entire cost of the events which have taken place since the original race has been twently millions of dollars. This cup was the Royal Squadron Cup valued at 100 guineas, or practically \$500 in American money.

The fact that this racing, which is really carried on by a dozen or so people who furnish the capital necessary, interests to a greater or less degree all the citizens of our modern civilized countries, renders it the most exciting and best known event in the sporting world. So rapidly does the art of yacht building progress that the champion yacht of the year is seldom heard of thereafter, although her name for the season may be in every one's mouth and labeled upon all kinds of goods and novelties. A recapitulation of these contests is designed to make an American thrill with pride, and just now, when Sir Thomas Lipton has set the yachtsmen on both sides of the Atlantic on the qui vive with another challenge for this year, cannot but prove interesting reading for the subscribers of Comport.

In 1851 England had inaugurated the first successful great World's fair in Crystal Palace in London. The young Queen Victoria and her Prince Consort were the most prominent figures in the world and travel to England had never attained so large a proportion. Among the many events of the year was scheduled the yacht race off Cowes open to yachts of the world, and which promised to attract great attention. The date set was August 22, 1851, and the course set around the Isle of Wight, which was considered unfair to foreigners, for, as the London Times said, it was "notoriously one of the most unfair to strangers that can be selected, inasmuch as the currents and tides render local knowledge of more value than swift.

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During the preceding season the enthusiastic gentlemen connected with the New York Yacht Club had several times talked over the receivable of the content of

Yacht Club had several times talked over the possibility of sending an American yacht over to compete with our British cousins in the proposed races, and the project had generally been favorably considered. The commodore of the club, Mr. John C. Stevens, had learned to admire the work of an apprentice in a shippard, a youth named George Steer. He had designed several local winners and enjoyed in a small way such a reputation as is now given to such way such a reputation as is now given to such designers as Fife and Herreshoff. He was se-lected to design a schooner-yacht for the purpose suggested and produced the America, a schooner 94 feet long and 88 feet on waterline, modeled after a New York pilot boat and hav-

Ing neither foretopmost nor jibboom.

Before going abroad the America was sailed against the Maria, then the smartest Yankee yacht afloat and considerably beaten: but the winner was looked upon merely as a racing machine and

such a thing as sending her abroad was not considered for a m o m ent. According ly the America sailed for Havre, arriv-ing there e arly in August 1851, where she immediately fitted out for he Cowe Regatta. She crossed the channel in a dark night and at morn was discovered in the English fleet.
Every eye
was turned
upon the
audacious stranger, which pre-sented a great con-trast with her great beam and shallow hull to the knifelike cutters and yachts which were

the pride of Britain.
In those days there was no a llowance or measure.

ment; but in a race boats big and little contested. Seventeen boats were entered in this race and fifteen started. At No Man's Land, where the time was first taken, the America was the fifth boat. At the Needles she passed and saluted the Royal Yacht with the Queen on board at which time the second boat, the Aurora, was many miles astern. To quote a poem of that day:

Yarker Poodle had a craft

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Yankee Doodle had a craft,
A rather tidy clipper,
And be challenged, while they laughed,
The Britishers to whip her.
Their whole squadron she outsped,
And that on their own water;
Of all the lot she went ahead,
And they came nowhere arter. And they came nowhere arter.

Or, as they used to say, "America first; there was no second."

The subsequent history of this yacht is interesting. She was sold to Lord Templeton,

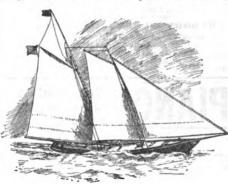


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who cruised in her for a year and then laid her up at Cowes, where she lay dismantled several years. She was bought for a trifle by another Briton, who had her thoroughly repaired and rechristened Camilla. Sold to some Confederates in Mobile she became a Blockade-runner in our Civil War and known as the Memphis was

our Civil War and known as the Memphis was scuttled, after a chase near Florida, to prevent her capture. After the war she was raised and the Government used her for a practice vessel at Annapolis until she was again sold. Since then she has been a cruising yacht of rich men, and at one time was owned by Gen. Benj. F. Butler, to whose family she still belongs.

In the year 1857 the America's cup was the property of the surviving owners and they made it over by Deed of Gift to the New York Yacht Club, as a perpetual international challenge cup. The first race here was in 1870 when the Cambria came over under Mr. Ashbury as challenger. Some twenty-odd American yachts started in this race which was between the Cambria and the Magic, which won by some forty minutes. The next year Mr. Ashbury



THE AMERICA.

again essayed to "lift the cup" with the Livonia, a yacht of 264 tons, which was raced against the Columbia. Two races were won by the latter; but through an accident to her, the Livonia won the third. The Sappho won the fourth and fifth races.

In the year 1876 our Canadian cousins challenged

challenged for the first for the first time and sent from the Royal Canadian Club the yacht, Countess Dufferin, built at Relleville built at Belleville, schooner yacht named the Made-line, built in 1868 and then considered our fleetest yacht was chosen to meet her. meet her.
The boats
were equals
in length
and sail. In
one heat of
this race the old America sailed by courtesy and beat the Countess, which won no race of the three. Undaunted by this, in 1881 the Canadians yacht named the Atalanta

to race for the cup. This time the New Yorkers had THE COLUMBIA RACING. a series of preliminary

In 1885 the crack British cutter, Genesta, under Beaver-Webb came over and had a series of races. The yachts Priscilla, Puritan, Gracie and Bedonine entered the trial races and the lot of defence fell to the Puritan after an exciting series in all sorts of weather. After several flukes decisive races were sailed, one of which was the closest on record. The following year the Galatea met the same fate at the hands of the Mayflower, a Boston built boat

which did not have near the task that had been cut out for the defender of the previous year. After this came the Volunteer-Thistle races

After this came the Volunteer-Thistle races of 1887. The Volunteer was built in sixty-six days to meet the Scotch cutter and handsomely defeated her. Lord Dunraven then challenged; but not until 1893 were satisfactory negotiations concluded. Then a series of most unsatisfactory races occurred between the Vigilant and the Valkyrie I. The British cutter was easily defeated in the series of races by the Vigilant; but the next year, the same challenger brought over the cutter Valkyrie II. The races were sailed in September, and were won in an unsatisfactory manner by the Yankee yacht. Lord Dunraven's course in this series of races was severely criticised as unsportsmanlike. For the first and only time a challenger returned to England with unpleasant words from this side of the water. The dispute arose from complaints of Lord Dunraven about unfair treatment. Some of his remarks were considered unsportsmanlike and led to much recrimination.

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By far the most interesting series of races that have ever been sailed for the cup were the most recent ones in the year 1899, when Sir Thomas Lipton, a wealthy Irishman, known on both sides of the water and who proved himself to be one of the most likeable all around sportsmen ever in America, brought over the Shamrock, which was by far the smartest boat ever turned out on the British side of the water. She raced the Columbia, which was built by Nat Herreshoff; and notwithstanding the weather which was called regular Shamrock weather, the Columbia outsailed, outfooted and outpointed her Irish rival. The victory had been Jiscounted pretty generally in America, and there was not as much enthusiasm as has been usual. This was largely owing to the better fraternal feeling existing between the two countries; but more especially to Sir Thomas proving a good loser, which is the heardest thing in the etheletic the state of the said of the state of the said of the existing between the two countries; but more especially to Sir Thomas proving a good loser, which is the hardest thing in the athletic world. It is undoubtedly true that a large proportion of Americans would have liked to see him had the satisfaction of carrying back the cup, and will have no ill wishes for the present

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Sir Thomas has again placed a challenge with the New York Yacht Club to be sailed the coming year. He is so satisfied with the fair treatment which he received, and with the excellent arrangements for keeping the course clear, that he insists on sailing the course around New York Harbor, although many yeachtsmen think that better sea and better wind is found off Marblehead or Newport, as the winds are not generally so strong near New York Harbor. This series of races will be sailed early in September, and will be between a new boat being built in England, the Shamrock II, and one which is being constructed by a syndicate of New Yorkers as a defender.

The American boat is to be designed by Mr. Nat Herreshoff at his famous yard at Bristol, R. I. A fact which is not generally understood is that Mr. Nat Herreshoff, who is younger than his brother John, comes from a long line of sailors and boat builders. For a number of years they have scientifically studied out the question of swiftness and resistance, until their yachts are famous in any class for their speed and wave resistance. He is a tall, thin man, with a red beard and stocp, and a very thoughtful face, seldom showing his real feelings. His boats have had the most uniform success since the death of Burgess in Boston, who at that time was the most successful builder in the world. The line of boats which he has constructed is very large, and in their various lines have always stood at the head.

The most remarkable fact about Mr. Herreshoff is that, in a business requiring the greatest judgment, he is blind, and constructs all the details both of planning and figuring without being able to see a single line or figure. The most perplexing calculations in figures are necessary in getting right deductions in this line of work; but Mr. Herreshoff is so gifted that the boat he builds will be fully twenty minutes faster than the Columbia meaning a gain of a minute

ception, and says he shall not rest, costly as the trial is, until he has succeeded in carrying away America's cup. There is sure to be plenty of preliminary racing, as the Prince of Wales is to build a racer to compete with the Shamrack and if victor, to take her place for Sir Thomas; while on our own side it seems quite certain that at least four boats will enter the preliminaries, two of them being new, the



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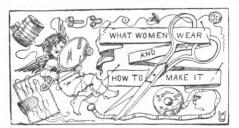
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OW as always when modistic history is pointed to repeat itself in pronounced form, old plates and pictures are ransacked for orthodox suggestions, and perhaps only the few of uscan appreciate the fine perception exercised in the bringing up to date without destroying the harmony of these old world fashions and fancies.

There is a marked predilection just now to hover around the period extending from Louis XIV. to the First Empire, with a jump now and again to early sixtles—really the Second Empire. Paquin, with several others of our great concerned in the propare fashions: they are leading reagangles and sold for making lace it is quite possible to be

may be re-marked was invariably fulledinto the waist. Underwear

invariably follows the most characteristic fashion of the
moment, and
we now have
Directoire
combination petticoats petticoats, chemises and night gowns, provide d with very wide collars and full skirts attached to lace trimmed yokes fitted to the figure. For silk pet-ticoats the best founda-tions are of jersey or nun's veiling both of which are clinging, and to which are added the bouffant flounces be-low the

Shirred and taffeta hats are the cry and are simply charming with their fluffy bow across the front and handsome buckle for ornament. For dressy occasions a big silk rose of any color desired may be placed on the crown. the crown, completely covering it, and the brim softened with

tulle. Velvet-covered bands arranged to fit the head

pompadour is fast giving way to the more nat-ural style of hairural style of hair-dressing. Arti-ficial crimps and waves are abso-lutely out of vogue. A care-less effect is sought for with the hair gather-ed in a loose, fluffy knot at any point above the nape of the any point above the nape of the neck most becoming to the warer. The fat locks are brushed back softly allowing a few tendrils to break the line above the forehead.

Among the many charming new neck fixings shown in the shops and seen

are boas of chenille, falling in long, soft ends

quite to the hem of the gown. The foundation of the boa may be of silk, mousseline de soie or marabout feathers; in the two former cases chenille is applied to all the edges, and arranged in a cluster of long loops and ends on either side. These boas are in black or white, or in a mixture of the two. A fascinating affair of this sort had a tremendously full ruching of white tulle, with long ends of chenille.

Gray feather boas have blossomed out here suddenly and seem to be quite the rage though they are an old song in Paris. Very beautiful as well as very costly are the boas and pelerines made of marabout feathers sewed on to a net, many of them having soft, tiny plumes as a finish which largely increase their value.

Panne velvet is being employed by fashionable modistes for the large flowers now considered so chic on filmy evening gowns. A cluster of poppies, huge in size, and varying in color from a most vivid scarlet to a delicious salmon pink gives the most pleasing touch of finish to a gown of white gauze encrusted with vellow laces. quite to the hem of the gown. The foundation

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does not posses any, and the cost is really very small if you make it your-self. Do you happen to or grand-mother? If so, this is just the time to hunt them up. Odd pieces can be made into the most charm-ing collars and look far better than any of the ready - made ones. I saw an old embroidered sleeve, that had graced a courtly dame in the days when leg-ofmutton sleevvogue, made into a dainty collar, and the fact that the designer had cut her coat according to her cloth, not following any recognized pattern, but added to its value and

The latest thing in mi-crobe scares comes from Rome. A scientific congress, sit-ting in that city, has de-cided that the trailingskirts worn by women are traps to catch dis-

uncommon.

wherever desired are a necessity with most of the new hats in order to give them the proper tilt off the face now that the highest order of pompadour is fast giving way

as eases and death in the form of microbes and bacilli. The fact was demonstrated by Dr. Casagiandi, who showed to what dangers the world is subjected by the fashion which decrees that women's skirts must trail in the dust. Dr. women's skirts must trail in the dust. Dr. Casagiandi engaged three young women to go out into the streets and give the trail of their skirts full play. When they returned the savant took the vestments to his laboratory and submitted them to a microscopic examination. On each skirt he discovered whole regiments of microbes and bacilli.

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The universal use of white kid gloves is falling into disfavor, to be superseded by yellow gloves. They are quite popular already among the women who are careful to catch up new things and are quite the thing for street wear as well as for all manner of functions where white ones have formally reigned. However, there is something a trifle too pronounced about the color to seem really suitable except for the more dressy occasions, and they lack the note of harmony the modest white glove always supplies.

supplies.

This is certainly a season for velveteen and corduroy. Some of them are tailor-made and others lavishly braided and trimmed with fur, giving them all the effect of the richest velvet. giving them all the effect of the richest velvet. Fichus a la Marie Antoinette and a la Pompadour are very much in favor, and quite the hall-mark of smartness on house gowns. The draping can be arranged to suit the figure, and may be relied upon to give the broad effect across the shoulders so necessary to the present mode. The fine cream-tinted batiste handembroidered makes the very daintiest fichus. Painted quills have by no means exhausted

their decorative virtues. They are wondrously treated with applications of velvet and lace, and are painted most ingeniously. On a toque of scarlet velvet I saw a quill applied with padded red cherries, the leaves and stalks painted in.

Another toque of pale blue had a cluster of



a cluster of narrower quills carried round one side, the upper edges only bound narrow with black velvet and some black velvet roses at the other.

Hats of stitched taffeta are still pursuing the even tenor of their way and provide plenty of scope for var-iety.

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The secret of

The secret of success in wear ing flannel night gowns lies in putting the mon over a white one; and, for this purpose a Kimona model is better than any other because of its loose proportions. It is wise to choose pale colors harmonizing with white, and then if the facing down the front, on the big sleeves and the collar are of white the effect is wholly satisfactory. This style is easily made; everything depending upon a good fitting yoke. The skirt requires four straight widths simply hemmed, two in back, two for fronts, and are sloped up so as to give only a moderate fullness when gathered into the yoke. Very pretty ones have as a finish along the edges large scallops embroidered in heavy wash cottons of the same shade. A binding of ribbon is also a dainty finish; but all this is a matter of preference, the main idea being the comfort gained by wearing the cotton gown underneath.

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I had my first glimpse of the oil region of the United States last summer, but I imagine there are many of the cousins who are not even so fortunate as I, and who will be glad to read the following letter on the subject.

ter on the subject.

"I wonder how many of us think whence comes the coal oil which fills the lamps by which we sit reading or writing on these long winter evenings, or how it is secured? For myself I never thought much about it until my eyes were opened and my thoughts directed to the subject; but now I want to tell Comport's great family something of these thoughts and observations.

"Any visitor to the little city of Bluffton will remember it especially for its being almost the center of a great many oil farms.

"The method of working these farms is intensely interesting. The land is leased of the farmers by great oil companies and a gang of men is set to work to build derricks for the purpose of drilling holes into the earth. These derricks are about seventy-five feet high, and are very much like

great oil companies and a gang of men is set to work to build derricks for the purpose of drilling holes into the earth. These derricks are about seventy-five feet high, and are very much like wind-mill or artesian well derricks, only on a larger scale. When the derricks are finished a hole is drilled in each well to a depth of from fitteen hundred to eighteen hundred feet and about eight inches in diameter. The work of drilling is carried on by night as well as by day, two men working upon it by night and two by day, and each gang having a tool dresser, or a man who keeps the tools in good shape.

"It takes about eighteen days to drill a hole to a depth of fifteen hundred feet, and when it is completed all the tools are taken out and about two hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine are lowered to the bottom of the hole. Then a three-cornered piece of iron, called a 'Go-Devil', is dropped into the well. When this 'Go-Devil' strikes the nitro-glycerine it causes an awful explosion which tears up the stone for several feet around the hole and makes a vent for the oil. In a few minutes oil, salt water and pieces of stone begin to shoot up out of the well, sometimes to a height of two or three hundred feet. This makes a pretty sight, as may



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can pump twenty-five wells. The oil is pumped into big iron tanks, and is then measured by a man called a gauger. Every farmer is entitled to one-sixth of the oil on his farm, and hence it must be carefully measured. After this the oil is run out of the tanks through pipes to the big refineries, where it is converted into coal oil. When the oil first comes from the well it is almost black, and it is then called crude oil, or petroleum.

"It is difficult to give, within the limits of a short letter, a detailed account of this interesting and instructive subject. One needs to see these wells in operation to fully understand and appreciate them." LOUELLA SPENCE, Pass Christian, Miss.

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"I recently visited in a family where there were two exceedingly bright girls, one of whom is a student at Radeliffe, and one of the odd bits of entertaining they did one evening, before a room full of friends, was so delightful and yet so easily done, that I am sure the cousins will be glad to know about it, with a view to doing the same thing sometime, under like circumstances.

"One of the girls dressed herself in a full, blue cheesecloth skirt, that fastened around the neck and hung straight down to her wrists. On her hands were white stockings and white kid slippers, thus making very good-looking feet. On her head was a big, flaring bonnet, with many flowers, and tied under the chin with wide ties of blue cheese cloth. She then stood behind a table, which had a cloth over it and so concealed the rest of her body, that only that part showed which came above the table as she stood behind it. Of course this use of her hands, which rested on the table, left her without any arms,—but behind her, with a dark cloak entirely over her so that she was not at all noticeable, stood the other girl, who thrust her arms, which had on sleeves of the blue cheesecloth, from behind, in such a way as to look exactly as though they were the arms of the girl standing upright behind the table. Then this girl repeated, in a spirited manner, 'The Jabberwock' from 'Alice in Wonderiand', and the girl behind used her hands in a most marvelous manner, considering the fact that she of course couldn't see what she was doing. She had to gesticulate to suit the other one's words,—to put her hand to the other one's ear, as though listening, and to keep her hands in constant motion, and she did it so well that it really seemed as though all done by one queer little woman, who had the ordinary sized head, shoulders and arms, but tiny feet, and seemed to be less than half as tall as the ordinary sized head, shoulders and arms, w



THE JABBERWOCK.

llustration shows the figure as it looked to the delighted audience CONSTANCE FENNIMORE, Richmond, Va.

Now we have an account of a very curious custom of the Sac & Fox Indians, written by a lady who evidently knows whereof she speaks. She

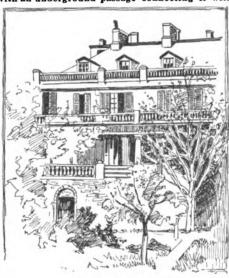
who evidently knows whereof she speaks. She says:

"A family among the Sac & Fox Indians never grows less, for as soon as one member dies a member of some other family is adopted in the deceased one's place. The ceremony is about as follows:

"The family of the deceased selects some one, generally near the age of the dead person, and asks permission to adopt him. Usually the request is granted, for it is considered an honor to be chosen. The supper, called the dead feast supper, is prepared, according to the means of the adopting party, and clothes are also prepared for the new member. Often the dying one has left two complete suits, all beaded and trimmed with silver buckles, one in which to be buried and one for the adopted one. The girl (if it is a girl who is being adopted one. The girl (if it is a girl who is being adopted one. The girl (if it is a girl who is being adopted one. The girl (if it is a girl who is being adopted in her best, bought often at great sacrifice. They show her the supper prepared and she goes out and invites in as many as she thinks sufficient for the food provided. They sit down in a circle around the campfire and a member of the family takes a piece of bread and breaks it in as many pieces as there are dead in their family, and going around the fire drops a piece for each one dead and mentions the name as she drops it. She does the same with everything provided for the supper. Then the guests are served.

"After eating a mat is laid in the midst of the company and the young girl is led to it, her clothes taken off and new ones put on. When the family is able the clothes are often very costly, being all beaded and trimmed with ribbons. The hair is tied with colored ribbons and beaded moccasins and leggins are put on. When completely dressed she is led to the door, where she finds a pony saddled and trimmed with ribbons and bright-colored calico. These she pulls off and throws them to the cowd who scramble for them. She rides about half a mile towards the setting sun and then return

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the trip one way.

It is of the run made in October by Dr. Stemmerman and the writer that I wish to tell ComFORT readers, and wish at the same time that so pleasant and interesting a journey may fall to their lot some day. It will not come to all of them, of course, just as it has not come to all to make the trip by railway, which is now the old-fashioned and long established method of travel, but for the few of us who have gone over the road now, there will be thousands, for the automobile has come to stay and in a few years it will be commoner than horses and buggies

it will be commoner than horses and buggies now are, because it will cost less and get there so much quicker.

We left Passaic, a New Jersey suburb of New York, one bright October morning at half past ten o'clock, with only just enough baggage hooked on behind to do us for the trip, and headed for Washington, two hundred and fifty miles away, like a pair of sailors on an unknown sea, for the two persons who had preceded us had left no maps to go by. New Jersey roads are fine, something that adds very materially to comfortable automobiling, and we flew along all the morning, stopping only to get water for our boiler at a farmhouse by the way. The reader will understand that our auto was a steam wagon, carrying twenty-one gallons of reader will understand that our auto was a steam wagon, carrying twenty-one gallons of water, which on good roads will supply the boiler for twenty miles, and we carried six gallons of gasoline for fuel, which is supposed to last for sixty miles or more, according to the drafts made on it by the roads. You will see therefore, that an automobile must be watered as often as a horse, though it drinks more, and it must have its feeding of gasoline every five or six hours, according to the speed it is run. Water costs nothing but gasoline is worth at least fifteen cents a gallon, so that feed is no small item of expense.

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We were riding entirely for pleasure and so we jogged along at about ten miles an hour, admiring the beautiful country we were passing through, taking an hour off for dinner and stopping at night in Princeton, N. J., the home of Princeton College and ex-President Cleveland. We had made fifty-one miles for our first day's run and were quite satisfied. The next day we passed through Trenton, the capital of New Jersey, and here crossed the Delaware river into Pennsylvania, where before we had gone half a mile we came upon a sandy road, and for twenty miles or more it was not as much delight to automobile as it had been in New Jersey. We had to pay toll, too, as bad as the road was, and we were charged as a two-horse vehicle, though the sharpest-eyed tollgate keeper could not find a horse anywhere on our premises. You see the automobile is so new that its real place has not yet been found. We reached Philadelphia in plenty of time to have gone on a dozen or more miles, but a rain came on suddenly and we went under cover for the night. Rain makes mud and mud is something no automobilist cares to meet. Hard, hilly roads the auto can get over without great difficulty, but muddy roads and sandy ones are what it is most afraid of.

Leaving Philadelphia by fairly good roads, we came to Chester in Rennsylvania and Wilmington in Delaware, in both of which cities we were chased through the streets by crowds of school children as if they had never seen such a thing as an automobile, and I presume some of them never had. It was the great de-



light of the boys to race with it, but we soon ran away from them and they dropped behind us much astonished at our speed. Shortly after leaving Wilmington we came into the region of less population and travel and the roads became almost bad in places. The horses, too, that we met began to show more signs of dislike to the strange wagon among them, and we had to stop frequently to let teams go by. The people along the way were also quite curious, and they ran out of their houses or stopped at their work in the fields to watch us as we went their work in the fields to watch us as we went flying along. Sometimes we were stopped by the more curious who wanted to see what kind of a machine we had anyhow. At five o'clock in the evening we had reached Elkton, a pretty

little town in Maryland, and here we were met by most of the colored population who gathered about us ten rows deep when we stopped in front of the hotel. We were up early next morning because we had learned that the road beyond for ten miles was very bad, and we wanted to get through with it as early as possible. It was even worse than we had been told and twice the hills were so sandy one of us had to get out and walk. But not for any long distance, and getting over it at last we went on a good stretch and fairly flew into Perryville, on the Susquehanna, where we crossed the river on a flat car of the Pennsylvania road and hurried on to Baltimore. But our hurry did not last long for our pump began to refuse to work, and after bothering with it for three or four miles, we hailed a teamster and had him tow us into Aberdeen, and this is one of the things an automobilist hates worse than anything else. We did not get away from Aberdeen until next morning about eight o'clock with seventy miles before us to Washington, and how we did get along the pike to Baltimore. An hour and a half in Maryland's chief city and we left for the National Capital, understanding that we were to have a pretty good road, as Mr. Weston had made the dislittle town in Maryland, and here we were met Baltimore. An hour and a half in Maryland's chief city and we left for the National Capital, understanding that we were to have a pretty good road, as Mr. Weston had made the distance from Washington, about forty miles, in two hours and twenty minutes. But we did not make it in that time owing to the fact that the worst road we had yet come over was the one we took, and both of us had to get out and push while the auto used all its power to pull itself out of the level sand bed called a highway. But perseverance and elbow grease overcome a world of difficulties and we got onto hard ground once more, and at half past five we were before the great dome of the capitol at Washington, half of our undertaking accomplished and both of us feeling as well as could be expected under the circumstances. We had traveled two hundred and seventy miles from Monday morning to Saturday evening, and had averaged about ten miles an hour for our running time. Not equal to the locomotive quite, but considerably better than our natural competitor, the horse, could possibly have competitor, the horse, could possibly have

On Sunday morning we went by auto over into Virginia to see the National Cemetery at Arlington, where nearly twenty thousand dead soldiers are buried, and then after a spin about soldiers are buried, and then after a spin about all the public buildings in the city we started away on our return. To avoid the bad road to Baltimore we went by way of Frederick, Md., once the home of Barbara Frietchie and of Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner" both of whom are now buried there, and just out of Washington on a fine piece of down grade road we made our best time, getting over the ground for a short distance at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. But such a speed is not pleasant, for the wind is a gale and all kinds of specks and bugs floating in the air get into the eyes or strike wind is a gale and all kinds of specks and bugs floating in the air get into the eyes or strike one in the face like pinpoints; but five miles from Frederick our pump went bad again, and that last five miles dragged along slowly enough, but we made it without having to be towed and there was a good deal of consolation in that. At Frederick we stayed two days for repairs and because one day (Col. Bryan was there that day also,) it rained steadily all day. The next morning we were off in good time, and over a good pike through a country as fair as Canaan, we ran to Emmittsburg in Maryland, where we took dinner. Along this road ours was the first automobile to have come and we created as much of a sensation as a road ours was the first automobile to have come and we created as much of a sensation as a circus, although before the astonished people could realize what we were we had flown out of sight up the road. Not long after leaving Emmitsburg for Gettysburg we passed out of Maryland into Pennsylvania, and for ten miles we had a stretch of rough road that would make the mildest tempered driver of a team of mules swear. To add to our discomfort we ran out of gasoline, and once more had to get a tow in order to reach Gettysburg. It was early yet, and as soon as we had our fuel aboard we set to ride over the greatest battlefield of the war between the states. The government has laid out all over it fine avenues as smooth as the floor and it was worth all our trouble to fly over these beautiful stretches of road. It was

out all over it fine avenues as smooth as the floor and it was worth all our trouble to fly over these beautiful stretches of road. It was strange, too, to ride over this field in an auto, because when the battle was fought such a vehicle as ours was not in existence.

Leaving Gettysburg next day at noon, we ran on to York, Pa., through a country lovely to look at and to be in, meeting with a punctured tire on the trip. We made it up next day, however, by the longest one, seventy-seven miles, stopping for the night in one of the suburban towns of Philadelphia. By noon, for the roads are almost perfect about Philadelphia, we had gone into the big town, staid an hour and a half and were out again on our way to Trenton, over that same piece of sandy road which had not become any better during our absence. That night we were in Princeton, where we had spent our first night out, and we began to feel as if we were not only getting home again, but were glad of it. Not that everything wasn't as lovely as it could be, but human beings are likely to tire of even the best of things. We had an early start from Princeton on Sunday morning, the weather being muggy and not agreeable, but we had got used to weather, and we went tripping along as light as a fairy, making ten miles an hour on to weather, and we went tripping along as light as a fairy, making ten miles an hour on the worst road, and fifteen over the best, and we landed in Passaic at just one o'clock having made the run of fifty-one miles in about four hours, two hours better than we made on our trip out, though we did not stop coming back to dinner.

At the end we stepped from our vehicle, which had made six hundred and eleven miles since its departure, not any the worse for the

which had made six hundred and eleven messince its departure, not any the worse for the wear, though the Doctor was a little gladder to be home than I was, for he had been running his own machine all the way, and it is no small job to do that over all kinds of roads. In fact there is no kind of locomotive more trying on the newes them is automobilize to the men in the nerves than is automobiling to the man in charge. The Doctor was extremely careful, and that he had made the run without accident

and that he had made the run without accident was the best proof of his devotion to duty.

Some day automobiling will be within the reach of as many people as now own horses and buggies, or more, and it well deserves to be, for there cannot be a more exhilarating, interesting and healthful manner of taking the air and seeing the country at close range than this. The cheapest auto now costs \$750, and from that to \$3,000, and they are not yet perfect, but they will be improved, and prices will get lower in time, so that persons of ordinary means will have them, and whoever does will bless the man who invented automobiles.

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BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

EVERAL times I have written of the use of bicycles to the army, but the employment of bicycle soldiers in the South African war has practically been the first thorough test which has been made in actual warfare of the bicycle as an adjunct to a military force. In the United States, however, drills have been carried on with bicycles, in which some remarkable feats have been performed. In addition to the usual drills, flag movements, etc., as carried on by infantry, the wheelmen, with their rifles and other equipment, have made forced marches, taking their mounts through woodland and marsh, have scaled fences and accomplished other feats which it would be impossible to accomplish with a force of cavalry. A few years ago a squad of cadets EVERAL times I have written of the

fences and accomplished other feats which it would be impossible to accomplish with a force of cavalry. A few years ago a squad of cadets from the Northwestern Military Academy at Chicago, made a forced march from Chicago to Washington. More than half of the time it rained or snowed, so that the road for wagon use at many points was impassable. The cyclists made the trip in much shorter period than a squad of cavalry, although for a considerable distance they were obliged to carry their wheels on their backs.

Since that time several companies have been formed in the National Guard of Illinois, largely on the system devised by Major R. P. Davidson, of Chicago, who has made a study of the bicycle in warfare. The commands have been taught to ride over rough roads and to go over tree stumps and branches without losing their balance. As a result they can ride their wheels in places where it would be impossible for any one to do so without special instructions. They can load and fire their rifles while in the saddle, using both hands to manipulate the gun. Their double quick movement consists in performing the bayonet exercise with one hand on the double quick movement consists in performing the bayonet exercise with one hand on the handlebar and the other handling the gun at handlebar and the other handling the gun at the usual position of "charged bayonets." In this way they can move down upon the imag-inary enemy faster than a troop of cavalry. They have been drilled in skirmish movements and attacking an enemy in open order, by ad-vancing rapidly with the bicycles, springing off and then lying flat on their faces in the usual manner.

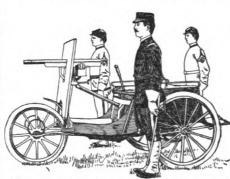
off and then lying flat on their faces in the usual manner.

These cyclist soldiers carry a rifle of the regulation size, also a blanket, knapsack and ammunition. Altogether, their load when on the wheel averages nearly forty pounds, yet they have no difficulty in mounting and dismounting, and can travel at a rate of sixty to seventy-five miles daily on a fair road without fatigue, while during their marches across the country they have frequently covered a distance of thirty to forty miles daily.

One of the most remarkable evolutions is the scaling of a wall or high fence with the wheels. The order is given to dismount. The bicycles are placed on the ground, and the front row of men climb on the shoulders of the second row. Pulling themselves to the top of the wall their own wheels are handed to them and then those of the second row. A part of the men on top of the wall jump down to the other side, and the wheels are handed to them. All of the bi-

gun holds its own with the other branch of the service as far as speed is concerned. The carriage mounts a 7-mm. Colt automatic rapid fire gun, shooting four hundred and eighty shots a minute, and having a range of one hundred and eighty degrees right and left. The weight of the gun is about forty pounds, that of the tripod and mount fifty-four pounds, making the total weight ninety-four pounds. It uses smokeless ammunition only, and has an effective range of two thousand yards. The carriage has a six horse power gasoline motor, with a bullet-proof gasoline tank sufficient to carry fuel for two hundred miles. There is a windlass attachment to the engine, to which a rope may be fastened and the engine practically lifts its own weight clear, enabling it to pull itself up the steepest bank and up to elevated positions, where horses would be unable to find foothold. The carriage is also equipped with two large solar acetylene lamps, which make it as easy to run at night as in the day time. The carriage will carry four persons, with tents, blankets and from twenty-five hundred to five thousand rounds of ammunition, if desired. The facilities for carrying the ammunition can be increased if desired. A detachable steel shield is used to protect the gunners.

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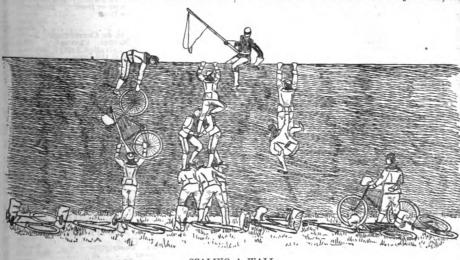


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Brighton, England, writes: I saw a number of ingenious new cycle attachments and some altogether new devices in the way of military cycles. That which struck me as the most novel, and possibly the most useful of all, was the armored bicycle. It is a solid-tired machine, into the front wheels of which, within the spokes, Harveyized steel plate, which is proof against rifle-fire with service ammunition from three hundred to three hundred and fifty yards, is inserted. When laid down and the handle-bars resting on the ground, it forms a perfect screen for the rifleman, as shown in the accompanying photograph. A powerful intrenching tool, which is held in position with a thumb-screw, forms a rear wheel mud guard. The armored bicycle weighs less than fifty pounds and is by no means unsightly. It is the invention of Weyley, Lord of Walmer.

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cycles are passed over in this manner, and then the various files go over the wall as already stated. The last file are pulled over by grasping the hands of their comrades, or, sometimes, if the distance is too great, one set of men hang from the wall by their hands; each is supported by others on the top, and the last ones to come over catch those hanging by the feet, and are pulled up in this way.

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Janus the two-faced God looked both forward and back. His month furnishes the same chance to thoughtless humanity.

"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." The end of the year and the end of the century give a chance to test the proverb. Let us be optimistic enough to hope that the progress of the New Year and the new century may tend to prove it a true saying.

It is claimed that among some state documents unearthed at Pekin papers have been found which prove the Chinese to have been the discoverers of America. The students of the pre-historic period of American history have entertained the idea that the early inhabitants of America came by way of Behring Strait. The evidences of an advanced civilization among the dwellers in Mexico, Central and South America bear out this theory Much that is obscure, much reasoning or guess work as to the early inhabitants would be explained by the fact of Chinese discovery. It was current opinion at the time of the Spanish-American war that Spain had made her greatest mistake when she discovered America. China can hardly be reproved for her enterprise in that manner for present indications show that the United States is likely to be her best friend.

Mark Twain's recent bout with a New York "cabby" drew from the humorist the statement that Americans were too careless of their own rights. He claimed that it was not only the right and privilege of American citizens to ."kick" but also their duty. A New Year Resolution. "Mem. To kick when kicking is a public virtue." Now that is a general proposition which will fill the year full of excitement. The idea that public good may be increased at the sacrifice of private peace has the merit of truth but the busy down trodden American has counted the physical wear and tear and exhaustion of nervous energy necessary to accomplish minor reform and has concluded that the game was not worth the candle. So he pays robber cab rates, high taxes, poor service and high tips. He gives up his money and often his comfort because after all it is easier than to fight for his rights. But in the lively way that Mark Twain states it he is not living up to the idea of a good citizen. There are plenty of windmills in the world and the Don Quixotes of the noble army of kickers will find them all whirling if they make the New Year Resolution "To kick when kicking is a public virtue."

The discussion over the commencement of a new century seemed to exhaust itself last year. Nineteen hundred passed without a protest as to whether it was the end of the old century or the beginning of the new. As far as church authority can settle disputes, the matter has been settled, for at midnight on the thirty-first of December the Pope celebrated high mass for the close of the century. The century opened with the gigantic political upherval of the French Revolution. All Europe was shaken hy the outbreak of democratic ideas and slowly but surely during the century the political ideas have changed until absolute rule is an outgrown theory in government. One hundred years ago the monarchial governments of Europe were trembling before the advance of the French armies and the consequent breaking down of the old ideas of government. The new century begins with the allied forces of Europe arrayed against the oldest representabut surely during the century the political

tive of absolute rule—China. The end of the old—the beginning of the new suggest scores of comparisons along the lines of political, social and economic changes. The broad outlook whether it be towards the future or the past has steadying effect upon humanity. Such a great dividing line as the passing from one century to another emphasizes the idea of the pause to look over the past in order to improve the future.

Rican Policy, The First Movement towards Expansion, The Breakdown of the Old Colonial System in Canada and British Rule in Canada. Each subject is given by a man of special strength on that individual topic. The list will draw out a discussion of most of the difficult problems connected with our present position as a colonial nation. No more important contributions towards to difficulties of administration could be given. For that reason the meeting and work of the Historical Association has a vital interest to all Americans.

A new republic calling itself Acre is seeking recognition from the United States. It has sent its first minister to the United States. The Republic of Acre is in the forest land of Brazil and consists of a community of about 20,000 souls engaged in the rubber industry. It has been founded by a rich Brazilian rubber merchant. The territory of the new republic lies partly within Brazil and partly in Bolivia. Both nations have resisted the effort of Acre te establish its independence but without success. Its representative claims that it is as firmly established as any South American republic and more firmly than many of the Latin American states as Acre is an Anglo-Saxon community. The spirit of the little community recalls two like incidents in American his-American states as Acre is an Anglo-Saxon community. The spirit of the little community recalls two like incidents in American history. Vermont was claimed by both New York and New Hampshire. During the troubled period from 1781 to 1789 it maintained an independent government. Its delegates were not seated in the congress of the Confederation and as it refused to submit to the laws or claims of New York or New Hampshire it was a tiny republic governed by its own constitution. Three counties of North Carolina also organized themselves as the State of Franklin and under that name sent a delegate to ask for recognition from Congress. The Republic of Acre need not lack historical precedpublic of Acre need not lack historical precedence as to its size and desire for liberty.

The "short session" of Congress that convened in December faced some of the most important problems ever presented to Congress. A reduction of the Stamp tax is promised. Our new Colonial possessions and the phenomenal growth of the trade and commerce of the United States indicate the pressing and paramount importance of two measures that must be determined by this Congress, i. e., the Isthmian Canal and the Marine Subsidy Bill. Our business interest now importantly described. be determined by this Congress, i. e., the Isthmian Canal and the Marine Subsidy Bill. Our business interests now imperatively demand a short route from our great Eastern cities to the Philippines. It is not now a theory about possible trade with the Orient but an actual condition, whose problems are best solved by a canal across the Isthmus and a canal owned and controlled by the United States. When the nineteenth century was young the United States was the great carrying nation of the world. When the Embargo Act, the Force Act and the Non Intercourse Act aroused the wrath of New England, all the business interest of that section lay in its ships. We were a trading nation and not a manufacturing nation. One by one the Colonial powers began to enforce laws similar to the old Navigation Laws of England, and insisted that these colonies should ship goods only in the ships sailing under the national flag. The final blow to our carrying business came during the War of 1812, when Great Britain attempted to enforce the "Rule of 1756" and said that a nation which did not permit a foreign ship to carry goods from a colony to the mother country in time of peace could not be allowed to secont such serious and the secont such serious and the secont such serious country in time of peace could not be allowed to secont such serious carry such serious carry such serious carry in the serious country in time of peace could not be allowed to secont such serious carry in the serious country in time of peace could not be allowed to secont such serious carry in the serious carry did not permit a foreign ship to carry goods from a colony to the mother country in time of peace could not be allowed to accept such service in time of war, even though the neutral ship carried neutral goods. The War of 1812 showed how rapidly we were growing able to dispute England's right to the proud title of Mistress of the Seas. In spite of that fact the American Navy and Merchant Marine has steadily declined. We have made phenomenal progress in the manufacture of goods to send, while we have steadily decreased in the ability to carry our own products in American ships. to carry our own products in American ships. Other nations have shown a generous spirit towards ship builders and have given subsidies to encourage ship building. Now that our col-onies are distant thousands of miles we must either send American goods in American ships or allow other nations to reap the benefit of our short-sighted policy. The industrial pros-perity of our nation rests largely upon the fate of these two important bills.

The American Historical Association closed its sixteenth annual meeting at Detroit on the last of December. The American Economic Association held joint sessions with the Historial Association. Association held joint sessions with the Historical Association. The meeting continued from Thursday to Saturday and much that is of permanent and practical value was discussed. The places of meeting were alternately at the University of Michigan at Ann Harbor and in Detroit. These two societies are essentially learned bodies, their membership comprising the greatest scholars and students of the country along these lines of work. A portion of their work is therefore of general interest only to students or specialists. A list of the more important committees will illustrate the special field of the Historical Association. The committees include Historical Manuscript to Commission, Committee on Justice Winsor prize which is given to the best original work of the year, Board of Editors of American prize which is given to the best original work of the year. Board of Editors of American Historical Review, Bibliographical Committee, Public Archives Commission, Committee on Monographic History of America, and on Unifying of the Public Repositions at Washington. The greatest importance of this work to the plain average citizen is the fact of bringing expert and trained specialists to the discussion of questions that are vital to the nation's well being. There was a time when the college professor and the learned student were considered to be too far removed from practical affairs to have any practical grapy were considered to be too far removed from practical affairs to have any practical grasp upon matters of every day national life. We are getting over this idea as the nation outgrows its childhood and reaches a portion where its problems of government can not be solved without an accurate knowledge of the intricate affairs involved. Men of prominence in special lines of historical and economic study are called to assist the government. Our recent Commissions like the Venezuela Commission and the Commission to the Philippines

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ANY requests having come to us for further come to us for further particulars regarding success ful plant growing in the home, we give directions for bulbous flower-rais-ing—this being par-ticularly appropriate at this time of year.

A comparatively newcomer in the bulb

family is the freesia. It has so much beauty and is so easy to culti-

It has so much beauty and is so easy to cultivate and so sure to bloom that I place it first on the long list of bulbs adapted to house culture. The bulbs are so small that as many as half a dozen bulbs should be placed in a five-inch pot. As to soil, that composed of one half good loam and the other half of leaf-mold, sand and rotted manure will give you the best soil for the freesia. The bulbs can be potted any time from August to October, but early potting is desirable for several reasons. Set the bulbs deep enough in the pot to have their sharp-pointed tips covered about a quarter of an inch. Press the soil down quite firmly around the bulbs, water thoroughly and set them away in a dark place for the roots to form and leaves to push their way up through the soil. Some flower growers do not put the freesia bulbs away in the dark but set them in a shaded place in the window garden, but those who have tried both methods think that they get better results when the bulbs have formed their roots and sent out their leaf tips in the dark. The freesia likes a good deal of water and a low temperature. If possible keep it where the temperature does not rise above sixty-five. Its flowers come in long and extermely graceful spikes. They have delicious fragrance, and they remain in bloom for nearly a week. A single pot of freesias will give a delightful fragrance to a large room. Never allow the soil in the pots to become dry. The freesia must have plenty of moisture or it will be a failure.

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The Hyacinth is a bulb that must be set away in the dark for the roots to form, and the The Hyacinth is a bulb that must be set away in the dark for the roots to form, and the first sharp points of green to show through the soil. They will not bloom if they are not given this preparatory treatment. The soil used for freesias will also do for the hyacinth, but not more than one large bulb should be put in a five or six-inch pot. One sometimes sees the hyacinth growing and blooming in water, but this method of cultivation is not recommended as best for the amateur. You will be far more certain to succeed if you grow the bulbs in soil. Roman hyacinths are just the thing for a window garden. They send up several spikes of flowers from each bulb and their fragrance is more delicate than that of the other hyacinths. They come into bloom so rapidly that bulbs potted in September or October ought to give one flowers for Christmas. The Roman hyacinths, like their Dutch cousins, come in all tints and

cousins, come in all tints and colors. They bloom freely and are sure to give satis-faction.

A bulb not in very general cultivation is the Orinthe-galum arabi-cum. Its cul-ture is exactly like that of the h y a c i n t h. Three bulbs can be placed in a six-inch pot. From each



QUAKER PINCUSHION.

bulb there should come a long, slender stem sometimes twenty inches in length surmounted by a great cluster of milk-white flowers each having a jet-black center. This very striking flower remains in bloom longer than any bulbous plant of which I have knowledge, particularly if the plant is kept in a cool room. It must be confessed that the Ornithegalum is a little uncertain about blooming, but if one pots five or six bulbs one can reasonably expect some of them to bloom, and a single cluster of this striking flower repays one for the loss of four or five bulbs that fail to do their duty.

The Chinese Lily is a bulb of such common and simple growth that it is hardly necessary to give directions for its culture. Some of my readers, however, may not know that all that is needed for the cultivation of this lily is a dish containing an inch or two of pebbles. Place the bulbs on the pebbles, put other pebbles around them to support them, keep the dish filled with water and the bulbs will start into immediate and rapid growth. One can start these bulbs into growth at any time. Their yellow and white flowers are very pretty but their odor is not very agreeable.

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The Giant White Narcissus is another bulb that can be grown in water just as one grows the Chinese lily, or the bulbs may be potted in soil. The writer tried a dozen bulbs each way last year, and the results were precisely the same with the exception of the fact that the bulbs potted in soil were stockier and the flowers remained in bloom longer than the flowers of those grown in water.

I am sure that more Easter lilies would be grown in our homes if all who so admire this beautiful flower only knew how easily it might

be cultivated. There are those who think that it cannot be grown outside of a greenhouse, but one of the finest Easter lilies I ever saw was grown by an old lady in her kitchen. If you wish a succession of these flowers pot the bulbs to begin with. If the bulbs are light and spongythey are not in good condition. Get bulbs that are heavy and solid. Avoid the bargain counters of department stores when you are buying bulbs. It is far safer to buy of regular and reliable dealers. Put one large bulb in a deep eight or nine-inch pot. Put the bulb far enough down in the pot so that it can be covered out of sight and two or three inches of soil added as the stem shoots up. This is necessary for the support of the plant. Be sure and set the pot away in the dark to form roots. The Easter lily requires a rich soil. It is also imperative that the pot have good drainage, and about two inches of broken crockery should be placed in the bottom of the pot to secure this necessary drainage. Liquid manure should be given when the buds begin to appear. Keep in a low temperature, and there is no reason why you should not have perfect success with this flower.

It is possible to grow tulips in the house, but the chances of success are less than with other bulbs, and I should advise the amateur to let the tulip alone. It is difficult to secure for it the degree of moisture in the atmosphere that it requires to bring it to perfection.

Jonquils and the crocus can be grown without any trouble. They should be given the same treatment given the hyacinth. The calla lily is an easily grown plant, one of its imperative requisites being an unfailing abundance of water. Three bulbs of the calla can be put into a ten-inch pot, and it is more satisfactory to pot three bulbs together than it is to pot the bulbs singly. Like the Easter lily the calla is a high feeder, and it should have very rich soil with the addition of liquid manure during the blooming season. A lover of the calla who has the finest plants and flowers. I have ever seen says th be cultivated. There are those who think that but one of the finest Easter lilies I ever saw was grown by an old lady in her kitchen. If you

warm water every morning. It is her belief, resulting from long experience, that the calla sends out more and finer flowers when watered with hot water. Of course the water is not hot enough to injure the roots. She is careful to tell her friends that if they begin watering their callas with hot water they must keep it up. It will not do to use hot water one morning and cold water the next. The hot water also has a tendency to make the plants quite tender, and they must not be allowed to suffer great changes in temperature. It is best to keep them in a room in which the temperature does not fall below 40 at night. It is useless to try to force the spotted calla to bloom in the winter time. The Little Gem is a charming dwarf calla. dwarf calla.

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The scarlet Mexican lily is still something of a novelty, but it is certain to be widely cultivated as its merits become known. It can be grown in water exactly as the Chinese sacred lily is grown. It has very large and velvety scarlet flowers and is far more striking than the Chinese lily.

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The fall of the year is the time for planting bulbs in the garden, and most of them should be tucked away in their winter beds by the first of November.

Hyacinths should be planted at least eight inches from the top of the soil. Lilies also require deep planting, and it is best to give them a southern exposure if possible. Tulips do not require such deep planting but they should be placed at least five or six inches under the soil. There is no grander or more beautiful lily for the garden than Lilium auratum. It is a flower that amateurs stand somewhat in awe of, having the impression that only the professional gardener or florist can succeed with it, but this is a mistake. The best bulbs are a little expensive, but once properly planted you may have them for years. Plant the bulb at least ten inches deep, putting under it perhaps a quart of charcoal or broken crockery for drainage. Give the ground a layer of straw with a board on top of it for protection by the first of December.

Our illustration is of a Quaker pincush-

December.

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CONSOMME SOUP.

Three pounds beef,

Three pounds beef, poorer part of round; one pound marrow bone; three knuckles veal; one quart chicken stock; one-third cup each of carrot, turnip and celery, cut in dice; one-third cup sliced onion; two tablespoons butter, one tablespoon salt, one teaspoon perpercorns, four cloves, three sprigs thyme, one sprig marjoram, two sprigs parsley, one-half bay leaf.

Cut the beef into small cubes and brown one-half in some of the marrow from the marrow-

Cut the beef into small cubes and brown one-half in some of the marrow from the marrow-bones; put the remaining half in a kettle of cold water, add the veal cut in pieces, the browned meat and the bones. Let stand one-half hour. Heat slowly to the boiling point and let simmer three hours, removing scum as it forms on top of kettle. Add one quart of liquor in which a fowl was cooked and simmer two hours. Cook carrot, turnip, onion and celery in butter five minutes; add to soup with remaining seasonings. Cook an hour and a half, strain, cool, remove fat and clear with white of egg.

FISH A LA CREME.

Two cups cold flaked fish, one cup white sauce, bit of bay leaf, sprig of parsley, one-half slice onion, salt and pepper, one-half cup cracker crumbs.

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Scald the milk, for the making of the white sauce, with bay leaf, parsley and onion. Cover the bottom of a small buttered platter with one-half of the fish, sprinkle with salt and pepper and pour over one half of the sauce. Repeat. Cover with crumbs and bake in a hot oven until the crumbs are brown. May be baked in scallop shells and served individually. White sauce is made in the following proportions: Two tablespoons butter, one and one-half tablespoons flour, one cup scalded milk, one-fourth teaspoon salt and a few grains of pepper. If a thick sauce is required, as for croquettes, use twice the amount of flour, or a little corn-starch.

FISH CROQUETTES.

To two cups cold flaked halibut or salmon add one cup thick white sauce; season with salt and pepper and spread on a plate to cool. Shape, roll in crumbs, egg and crumbs again and fry in a basket in deep fat. Drain on brown paper and garnish with lemon and parsley.

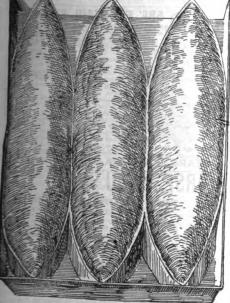
SCALLOPED COD.

Line a buttered baking dish with cold flaked cod, sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover with a layer of oysters (first dipped in melted butter, seasoned with onion juice, lemon juice and a few grains of cayenne and then in cracker crumbs.) Add two tablespoons oyster liquor; repeat and cover with buttered cracker crumbs. Bake twenty minutes in a hot oven. Serve with egg or Hollandaise sauce.

We are illustrating this month some new tine.

We are illustrating this month some new tins for baking bread in the shape of a French loaf.

Of course we all know that the real French bread is baked in long rolls, in the oven,—but in the ordinary range and by the ordinary home cook it is impossible to arrive at the same results as in the case of the baker or caterer.



FRENCH LOAF TIN.

Therefore these tins are made with a view to having the same shaped loaf as the French roll, only it is much shorter; but it has the large amount of crust, which is what we are after.

FRENCH LOAVES.

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Scald two cups milk, add one and one-half teaspoons salt and one tablespoon sugar. When lukewarm add one yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup lukewarm water and flour enough to knead. Toss on a floured board and knead thoroughly. Cover and let rise; shape; again let rise and bake in a hot oven forty minutes.

HEALTH FOOD BREAD.

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Mix one-half cup brown sugar and one and one-half teaspoons salt; add enough hot water to dissolve them and then add two and one-half cups Wheatena mush. When lukewarm add one-fourth yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup warm water and enough flour to knead having the mixture quite stiff. Cover and let rise, shape in loaves, let rise again and bake in a hot oven from fifty minutes to one hour.

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Mix two cups of flour, one-half teaspoon each of salt and soda, and sift twice. Moisten to a dough with buttermilk. Cover and let stand over night or four or five hours will answer. Toss on a floured board, roll out and shape with a biscuit cutter; cook slowly on a griddle until slightly browned, then turn and cook on the other side. Be sure they are thoroughly cooked before taking from the griddle. Split and butter.

Our other illustration is of rolls made as nearly as possible like a four-leaved clover. For the mixture scald two cups milk, add three tablespoons butter, two tablespoons sugar and one teaspoon salt. When lukewarm add one yeast cake dissolved in one-fourth cup warm water and three cups flour. Beat thoroughly, cover and let rise. Cut down and add enough flour to knead. Again let rise, toss on a floured board, knead slightly and shape; let rise in pans and bake in a hot oven fifteen to twenty minutes.

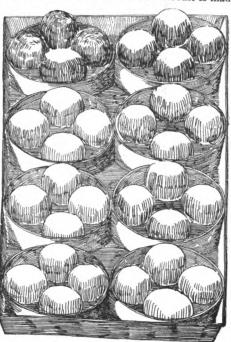
Place buttered muffin rings in a flat buttered pan. Make small biscuit of the dough by rolling in the hands like a marble. Place four of the little balls in each ring, placing no butter between. When baked they will run together in the middle sufficiently to hold them together, and the outer edges will be curved like the leaves.

The mixture is also used for Parker House rolls, salad rolls, ovster rolls and for heriday.

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An odd and very nice little biscuit is made



FOUR-LEAVED CLOVER ROLLS.

from the above mixture by taking a piece of it, rolling it out quite thin and spreading with melted butter. Then roll it up, like a jelly roll, and cut slices off the end. Place in a buttered pan and bake. They are delicious.

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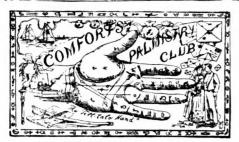
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for readings unless the sender has fully complied with the above conditions.

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prospects generally. There are some signs of trouble but these come more from her own over-sensitive nature than from any-thing else. On the whole hers is a hand that in-dicates good fortune although of a varying nature, and while she will have some pecul-iar experiences she will manage

she will manage to turn them to a good account.

"SYBIL."

"I. A." has also a peculiar hand. One indicating a very sensitive and nervous temperament although she is of a bright disposition, happy and gay. Her early life has been very much broken up by opposition from others and she has never been al-Internation from others and she has never been allowed to have her own way in any matters. This will continue until she is about twenty after which she will manage her own affairs. She will marry young, perhaps at twenty, and will marry two or three times during her life. She is always admired by the opposite sex and has many friends among them, some of whom will be quite distracted on her account. She seems, however, to be amply able to take care seems, however, to be amply able to take care of herself and will select the right ones for her matrimonial ventures. She has a large and well defined star on the Mount of Apollo which betokens celebrity and I think some degree of wealth although the hollowness of this hand wealth although the hollowness of this hand in the center prevents my following the line of Apollo as I would like to. She also has another line which seldom appears unbroken, and that is the girdle of Venus. This gives the subject decided talent, especially for poetry or art, and it gives a tendency towards spiritualism as well. "L. A." would make a good actress as she has many gifts in that direction. She needs to cultivate self poise and self control. If she decides to cultivate a public career she will meet with some obstacles at first and needs to strengthen her powers of perseverance, after which she will surely succeed. She is needs to strengthen her powers of perseverance, after which she will surely succeed. She is sure to be famous in the end and I think will become wealthy also. Her hand at first glance is almost a discouraging one but the more one studies it the more it promises for the future. Some one asks where is located the plain of Mars? It is all that space on the palm between the life, the line of head and the Mounts of Mars and the moon. The Mounts are situated first, between the mount of Mercury, and the

first, between the mount of Mercury, and the mount of the moon, and second, that space under the mount of Jupiter just above the base of the thumb. The plain of Mars is also called the triangle and is composed of the upper

angle—i. e., that formed by the junction of the line of life and of head; the inner angle—i. e., that formed by the junction of the line of head with the line of health or the line of fate, at the mount of Mars; and the lower angle, which is formed by the approximation or junction of the line of life and the line of health (when the latter is present.)

The quadrangle is the rectangular space comprised between the lines of the head and of heart, and is generally bounded on the one side by the line of fate and on the other by the line

The rascette or restreinte is the joint on the wrist at which it joins the hand, which is generally occupied

by one or more lines, which are more or less ap-parent, the upper one of which is known as the rascette and the others as the re-streintism the whole forming what are called the Bracelets of Life.

The lines gen-rally found in erally found in the hands are as follows: the line of life, which encircles the ball of

the thumb or Mount of Venus.
The line of head, which, starting from the

beginning of the line of life (to which it is usually joined), be-tween the thumb and first finger, runs straight across the hand.

The line of heart, which, starting from the Mounts of Jupiter or of Saturn, runs across the hand immediately below the Mounts of Saturn, Apollo, and Mercury, ending at the percus

The line of fate or fortune, which starting either from the line of life, from the rascette, or from the Mount of the Moon, runs up more or less directly to the middle finger (the finger of Sature)

or less directly to the middle finger (the finger of Saturn.)

The line of health or liver, which, starting near the wrist, at the base of the line of life, rises diagonally across the hand to meet the line of head, close to the Mount of Mars, or at top of the Mount of the Moon.

The line of art and brilliancy, which, rising from the triangle or its vicinity rises to the finger of Apollo (the third), cutting across the mount at its base.

To these are added three lesser lines sometimes found in a hand, which are: The line of Mars, which lies close inside the line of life, which it follows as a sister line.

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The first to come is Rosebud, Norfolk, Va., who wants to know whether it is her place or the young man's to ask her parents for her. It is the young man's place, though usually the daughter gives her mother or her father a hint that something of the kind may be expected. As Rosebud is only sixteen I would suggest that her parents refuse their consent for four years at least.

Sweet Lullaby, Chicago, Ills.—No. (2) It is not customary to ask your escort at a dance if you can dance with other men. You fill your card as you please, though if he asks you especially not to dance with a certain man, you should regard his wishes.

Rose, Fall City, Cal.—Silver is originally an English word. Still a person of that name might not be English. You will have to take his word for it.

Trix, Sioux Falls, Iowa.—There is no way to change the color of your eyes. You can make your hair grow faster by keeping the scalp clean, brushing with a soft brush, not too much combing. Clean the scalp with yolk of an egg, rubbing it in and rinse with hot water. Clip the hair in the first quarter of each new moon. Your other questions are too silly.

Sweet Sixteen, Kalamazoo, Mich.—Use your own social sense in writing invitations to a birthday party. (2) Address a man as "Mr." unless you know him well enough to call him by his first

Eva, Chadbourne, Mo.—Confer with your brother and invite such persons to his birthday party as are acceptable to both of you. (2) Yes, a brother should know of his sister's love affairs, because if he is a good brother he can give her good advice.

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Irene, Milton, W. Va.—Yes. (2) Yes. (3) Neither.

He looks after it himself. (4) Men smoke in the
presence of women, by permission, either in the
house or on a veranda. But not on the street.

Blonde, Hagerman, Ohio.—It is the man's place
to write first. (2) No. (3) The man should help
the lady out of the carriage. (4) Engaged girls
should not "keep company" with other men. (5)
Yes. (6) Ask your mother.

Ella, Lexington, Ky.—Certainly the man who
merely calls could not ask you to stay away from
the opera on his account. Go, of course. (2) The
man precedes the lady on entering any public
place.

Two Cousins, Delta, Ohio.—Customs vary, but 10.30 P. M. is time for a young man to go. (2) Either may ask, or neither. It is one of the things you just do. (3) Kissing games are vulgar. (4) Circumstances only can determine when it is correct to introduce the man first. An old man or one of distinction, however, takes precedence. (5) Introduce your mother simply as your mother, unless she is married again and has not your name, or you are married, and her name is not known to the person introduced.

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A. A., Taylorsville, Ala.—A very good reply to "Thank You," is "Not at all," with a little bow; same for "much obliged." (2) It is nice to greet people who come into your office with a word of welcome, whether you know them or not.

V. F. C., Davenport, Iowa.—Evidently the young man is "miffed" about something, and it will be just as well to let him come to his senses himself. Return his books and pictures with very brief thanks.

Vina, St. Louis, Mo.—The young man is treating on exactly right, and you would get what you de-erve if you never saw him again.

Cora, Hampton, Minn.—Cora dear, suppose you ask me two questions at a time instead of two long pages full. Which reminds me to say that the cousins mustrit expect this column to answer all the questions of a whole lifetime at once. Ask a few questions only if you want them all answered. Autumn Flower, Texas.—Yes, tell him that you love him if you do, but not otherwise. What did you expect to tell him?

Rose, Rochester, Mich.—Certainly a man may go with one girl and write to others. (2) A lady's invitations do not usually include the men she knows, nor vice versa. (3) How is the gentleman to go with the lady if he does not ask her? Catch her in a net and take her anyhow?

Nancy Hanks, Frost, Col.—Clay was born in Virginia, Jackson in North Carolina, Polk in North Carolina, Harrison in Virginia, Taylor in Virginia, Grant in Ohio, Poe in Maryland (Baltimore).

Grant in Ohio, Poe in Maryland (Baltimore).

Beauty, Erie, Kans.—It may not be exactly proper for girls to linger after church to give the young fellows a chance to take them home, but custom and sentiment seem to sanction it. (2) Girl scholars should not have mild flirtations, or other kind, with their teachers. (3) Yes, the man should take both girls home; that is a girl who goes to church with another girl should not desert her, unless it is so agreed. (5) Dou't write love letters; they may embarrass you sometime.

A. D., Hendersonville, N. C.—There is no way of "shining" in conversation; but by careful and wide reading you can acquire such knowledge that you cannot be ignored in any company. Keep posted on all current matters as well, and when you have something to tell, people will listen. (2) Ignore the young man who prefers questionable subjects and "lets on" as if he were perfectly innocent. A gentleman will not do that.

Brown Eyes, Rockdale, Ky.—Being of the feminary as well, as I do how to de-

Brown Eyes, Rockdale, Ky.—Being of the feminine gender you know as well as I do how to decline an invitation from a man without hurting his feelings. Every woman has her own way of doing that and there isn't any rule. (2) A lady may ask a gentleman to call.

Rose, Davenport, Iowa.—I know no such firm.

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(4) Contracts made on Sunday are void, but marriages seem to stand. (5) Say what you please in response to an introduction. (6) Agate is the birthstone for June, and opals are not unluckier than other stones. (7) Don't be friendly with traveling men unless you know thoroughly who they are.

Lottie, Crescent, Wash.—Thirty years old is just the right age for a man. Don't kiss him till you are engaged. (2) Danes with the man of two ask-ing at once, who you think asked first. (2) Lemon juice is said to be good to remedy dandruff. Keep

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EING husband to a Queen is a serious matter, not lightly to be entered upon, and not so common as one would think at first. Of course there is a reasonably large number of royal women who have husbands who

there is a reasonably large in umber of royal women who have husbands who have husbands who are kings, but that is a very d if fere in thing from being the husband of a woman who is a queen in her own right. The recent betrothal of the girl Queen of Holland, Wilhelmina, recalls how few such marriagining queen has taken a husband. The last to do so was Isabella of Spain, who on the tenth of October, 1846, married her cousin, Don Francisco d'Assissi. The queen was only sixteen years old at the time. Don Francisco received the title of King Consort. The marriage was never a happy one; and innumerable scandals, intrigues and jealousies followed it.

Only one reigning European queen of modern times has had two husbands. This was Maria II. of Portugal. Her first husband was Prince Augustus, of Leuchtenburg, to whom she was married December 1st, 1834, and who died less than four months afterwards. A year later the queen married Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, a relative of Queen Victoria's husband. He was given the title of King Consort. He was always popular in Portugal, where he survived his royal wife by several years. After her death he married the famous German American dancer, Fannie Ellsler, who was afterwards made Countess of Edla. Strange indeed are the histories of those who live within the rays of "the light that beats upon a throne."

Of course the marriage of Queen Victoria occurs to every one, at once, as the most notable example of a semi-royal union in the history of modern times. Her husband was Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to whom she was married February 10th, 1840. He never was to take the title of King Consort, and had to content himself with being known as Prince Consort. There have occasionally been rumors that Queen Victoria was a jealous wife, but these do not seem to be very well authenticated, and it is much more probable that this was an exceptionally happy royal marriage. Certainly the widowed queen's devotion to her husband's memory, and her success as a mother in bringing up her family

ing up her family of children since his death, have been conspicuous.

Some other English queens have had interesting histories in the way of husbands. Princess Mary of York married William of Orange. Later, when she became queen, he was crowned with her as king. This double coronation necessitated the making of a second coronation chair, so that the two sovereigns could receive the royal honors together. The original English coronation chair is over six hundred years old, and every English sovereign who has ascended the throne during all that time has sat in this chair which is kept in Westminster Abbey, where Queen Victoria sat in it for a second time at the great celebration which commemorated her fittieth anniversary. The second chair, made for William of Orange, stands beside st. People who look at the two chairs closely see that the seat of the new one is about four inches the higher. Thereby is revealed a queer bit of royal pride. Queen Mary was a large woman, nearly six feet tall. Her husband was a rather small man, and not her equal in height. That he might not look insignificant beside her at the coronation ceremony his chair was made enough higher than hers so that his head was brought up to the level where hers was.

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After King William died—his wife having died some years before he did—the Princess Anne became queen. She is usually known in history as "Good Queen Anne." This descriptive epithet may have been gained because she did not do anything of very much account, either good or bad. One printed opinion of her and her husband says: "Queen Anne came



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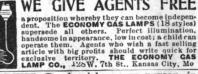
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husband, and the marriage was most unhappy. Her husband was Philip II., King of Spain, Naples and Sicily. The jealousies which followed this marriage were endless and bitter, and they were not only personal but national. The queen was furiously jealous—and apparently with reason—of her royal husband's fondness for other women. The English people were intensely opposed to any possibility of having him become their ruler, and the people of Spain were no less unfriendly towards their sovereign's English wife. Few queens have crowded more sorrow into so short a period as this one did into her short reign.

That other unhappy royal Mary—Mary, Queen of Scots—was one of the most married of royal women. When she was so young that she was known as "the little Queen of Scotland," she was married to the Dauphin of France, who was afterwards for a few months king of that country. After he had died and she had been a widow for five years she married her cousin, Henry Stuart, whose title was that of Lord Darnley. He died a most tragic death, and the queen afterwards married another Scotch noble, James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell. They had been married only a month when her subjects revolted, made her a prisoner, and compelled her to abdicate the throne. She was a prisoner for many years after that, and was finally beheaded. In spite of all her troubles and disgraces, her son became the first king of united England and Scotland, and the founder of a long line of sovereigns.

It is to be hoped that Queen Wilhelmina's marriage will be a happier one than the most of these which have been recalled. It seems to be as true a "love match" as any in the most plebeian circles. Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin comes of what is the only reigning family in western Europe which is of Slavonic origin. It is one of the oldest, if not the very oldest royal house in Germany. Oddly enough meither he nor the queen are related to Queen Victoria, although there are few of the royal personages in Europe now who are not.

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The Queen of Holland saw her future husband for the first time less than a year before they become engaged. She met him in Berlin. It was a "love at first sight" affair. There had been arranged by some of the Queen's friends and would-be advisers, a grand dinner to which there were invited a number of eligible young semi-royal men from whom it was hoped that she might select a husband. After the queen met Prince Henry she would have no more of



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the scheme. She refused to go to the dinner, pleaded that she had a cold, and stayed at home. The royal candidates got no further with their suits. The queen's mother, seeing how the wind was blowing, cut the visit in Berlin short and took her royal daughter off home to Holland, and like a prudent mother began to make inquiries about Prince Henry. As all these inquiries resulted favorably, the Queen mother allowed arrangements to be made by which a better acquaintance was possible. She planned to take her daughter to spend a month or so in the Schwartzburg, in a castle there, within the domains of the Prince, and the Dowager Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Duke's mother, was invited to be her guest.

The plan worked beautifully. The Prince got a furlough from the army and came to see his mother. Then he prolonged his stay and devoted his time to acting as guide for the two Queens to many of the picturesque and beautiful places in the Principality. It is reported that when the party broke up the young Queen said to him: "What a happy tour! I never spent such a happy time in my life, and I feel I owe so much to you." Correspondence and the natural result followed, and eventually the Queen summoned her prime minister to the Palace of Loo, to tell him that she had selected a husband for herself. Everybody is pleased, and wishes them all possible happiness.

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N January 20th, this year, the moon overtakes the Sun at nearly a half past nine o'clock in the sun at nearly and Moon will occur in the 10th house inside the first five degrees of the sign Capricorn; Saturn will be nearly together in tusp; Mercury near the Sun will be in the 11th house; Herschel will be in the 9th house; Mars will be just setting in the west and Neptune will be in the 4th house.

The great benefic, Jupiter, is the ruler of the scheme and he is highly elevated near the south meridian. This figure is another of the happy ones in promise for the prosperity and welfare of the Nation during the current weeks. The figure is a very powerful one for good. There are indications of some very unusual excitement in Congress; there will be some legislation advocated affecting the agricultural interests of the country and much discussion as to the policy of the Nation with reference to colonial matters and mining interests. Mars falling into the 6th house points to some kind of epidemic eruptive disease. There will be a large increase of mortality among the soldiers in the extreme West, probably from bowel and liver disorders. Let all have unusual care that diseases of the lungs are promptly treated, as indications are that such diseases will be peculiarly aggravated and unusually fatal, especially to persons born about the 4th of March, 2nd of June and September and 1st of December of past years.

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, 1901.

FEBRUARY 1-Friday. Do not expect much profit advantage from the elegant avocations or from busior advantage from the elegant avocations or from business dealings in artistic or decorative wares; social matters are adversely affected and no matrimonial contract abould be made; the latter part of the day calls for patience and suggests a bridle for the tongue and passions. 2-Saturday. This day is not specially conducive to uccess in any particular direction; avoid associations with very aged or eccentric individuals.

3-Sunday. A favorable Sabbath day, though strange

4—Monday. After the morning this is especially for-tunate; buy goods for trade; have money dealingo; so-lict favor from banks and wealthy persons; urge collec-tions and make agreements pertaining to loans.

6—Tuesday. With due regard to caution against haste and preceptitancy in all matters in the morning hours, let all energies be put forth in forwarding the business enterprises of the time, but particularly those that are concerned with matters of building, excavating, mining and agriculture. Give attention also to patents, trade-marks, copyrights and all classes of printing.

6-Wednesday. Begin early and improve every mo-nent in the pursuit of art, music, and in the elegant avo-ations generally; deal in fancy goods and engage in usiness pertaining to decoration, adornment, furnish-ags and dramatic goods or entertainments.

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Temperature Choose not this time for speculation or hazardous business ventures; embarrassment in finances is induced; do not expect much success in collecting funds and do not bind thyself by note or other written promise; do not apply for increase of wages or for money favors.

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S-Friday. The early morning hours are baffling and disappointing, but as the forenoon advances give all energies to the pursuit of business, especially such as is conducted with public officers and government employes, railroad men and all incorporate bodies. Correspondence and other literary work is less favored and personal application for favor will be the most successful.

9—Saturday. Give preference to the forenoon for the best efforts in the major undertakings of life; but do not use the afternoon or evening for any engagement towards wedlock nor expect much in the elegant pursuits or dealings in fancy goods, nor choose the time for selecting dress goods or wearing apparel, or for any important engagement of a social, musical, or artistic character; crowd all literary work in the evening.

Sunday. A superior Sabbath day for matters opriate; the mind will be especially active in the ning and religious discourse will be earnest and elo-

quent.

11—Monday. Give no offence to thy superior or employer, nor seek advantage from persons in authority; these passing hours hold more than usual annoyance for persons born about the 26th of February, 28th of May, or the 30th of August or November of past years. Matters to such persons will seem to "all go wrong" and there will be quite a degree of mental excitement or worry. In many cases the mental disquietudes will not be warranted by existing facts, but will be rather the result of some degree of nervous disorder. Such persons should be very guarded not to be rushed into the commission of acts which the exercise of a fair degree of moderation would prevent. "Don't jump too quickly."

12—Tuesday. Arise early and engage actively in the

12—Tuesday. Arise early and engage actively in the elegant pursuits and light employments, also deal in fancy goods and articles of adornment; engage with thy tailor, dressmaker and milliner, and do all things requiring the exercise of special taste; the afternoon conduces to rashness, peevishness and excitability, when also the temper will need to be carefully guarded.

13—Wednesday. This day is rather unfavorable for most of the undertakings of life and prompts caution in all our acts, the avoidance of disputes and controversies and as much as possible all danger of accidents and hurts, and let the tongue be kept well under control. These suggestions are peculiarly appropriate for persons born about the 14th of February, 24th of April, 17th of August or 30th of October of past years.

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14—Thursday. Push business vigorously all this day; deal with government officials and persons in authority in the forenoon; as the noon is passed bend all energies to the pursuit of all commercial undertakings of magnitude; open new stores, buy merchandise for trade; deal with manufacturers and mechanics and trade in cattle, machinery, chemicals, drugs, firearms, and all manufactured articles; have money dealings of consequence and solicit money accommodations.

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15—Friday. Conflicting conditions prevail in the morning which are likely to hinder satisfactory progress in affairs, but after the noon hour more promising influences rule and give successful outcome to efforts; use the afternoon for correspondence and mental labors generally; have dealings with persons in the literary walks of life; execute commercial contracts and travel.

16—Saturday. This day is not specially conducive to success in any particular direction, but is, if anything, somewhat detrimental to advancement of the intellectual and literary pursuits.

17—Sunday. The mind will incline towards the elegant in literature and the imagination will be especially active; the musical portions of religious worship will be particularly successful.

18—Monday. See that temptations to gratify taste or vanity do not induce extravagant expenditures during the forenoon; otherwise press all business efforts to the utmost throughout the day, without making any beginnings in undertakings of consequence.

19—Tuesday. One of the excellent days of the month; be up with the Sun and urge business vigorously throughout the day; buy goods to sell again, deal with banks or persons of wealth or distinction; choose the noon hour for urging affairs of importance concerning houses and lands and for dealing with farmers, miners, plumbers, nurserymen and cattle raisers; use the forenoon for be-

ginning buildings, laying corner stones and otherwise inaugurating works of construction.

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20 - Wednesday. Do not relax thine efforts of yesterday, but be up and doing in every available moment of the day; the forenoon encourages mathematical studies and scientific pursuits generally; engage servants and transact business with lawyers, teachers, and all employed with the pen; execute contracts in the morning, when also mental efforts will result satisfactorily.

21—Thursday. Those who speculate with their money in the forenoon of this day need not expect much profit; look out for the purse and avoid controversy and dispute; avoid thy landlord in the afternoon when thou shouldst avoid all dealings pertaining to houses or lands or their improvements; the day is an unsatisfactory one for most of the affairs of life.

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22—Friday. Give preference to the latter half of this day for thine efforts in business, though in the mechanical and chemical pursuits less satisfactory progress will be made than in other directions; persons born about the 22nd of February, 25th of May, 26th of August, or 25th of November, of past years are likely to be now in the midst of contention or disputes or are having annoying experiences in their affairs; they should avoid placing themselves in positions of danger, should be guarded in handling fire, steam, inflammables or explosives; should be patient in their business associations, avoiding rupture in business connections and practicing patience and moderation in all they do.

23—Saturday. One of the best days of the month, in which no effort should be spared for advancement of all business enterprises; buy goods for trade, seek money accommodations and speculate in stocks, if thy nativity Mkewise favor; deal in real estate, mines, agricultural products and implements, mining machinery, chemicals and drugs, and let every honorable undertaking be urged to the utmost.

24—Sunday. Influences are very promising for advancement of all products and implements of the sunday.

24—Sunday. Influences are very promising for advancement of religious interests and church matters, being also conducive in a marked degree to eloquent pulpit utterances and best mental efforts.

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25—Monday. This day is contentious and excitable and promotes disputes and disorder; exciting evilly disposed minds to acts of deception and treachery. It will be well if fires have been guarded against during these passing days for the time has been peculiarly mischievous in this respect. See that no business disagreement has come from too hasty word or act.

26—Tuesday. Have no dealings with government officials nor be concerned in patent matters; do not travel needlessly; postpone important correspondence; be careful to avoid mistakes in writings or accounts, especially in the late afternoon or evening; the middle hours of the day should be used for painting and musical matters and dealings with the tailor, milliner, dressmaker, embroiderer, and workers in wax and artistic materials.

27—Wednesday. Use every moment of the first

27—Wednesday. Use every moment of the first two-thirds of this day, giving preference, if any, to all the mechanical and manufacturing enterprises; urge sales of merchandise, travel, trade in cattle and metals, and deal with chemists, physicians, military men, and cutlers; in the afternoon do not purchase goods for trade nor give business credits or loans of money; see that no extravagance is indulged in and be prudent in the use of the purse in all things.

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28—Thursday. Enter into no contract concerning real estate and postpone thy dealings with very aged persons; as the afternoon advances give all attention to mental labors and literary work of all kinds.

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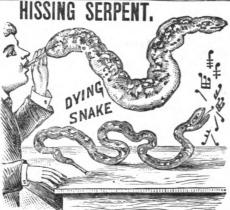
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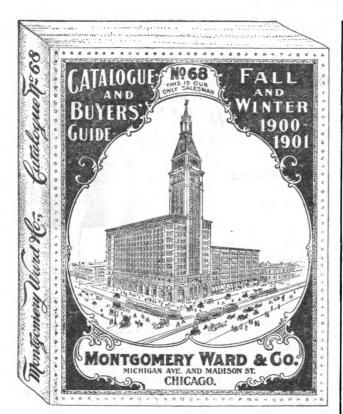
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The Cowboy's Dream.

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ELL, I'm that goldarned tired. I could bust out acryin'!" The speaker dropped limply into the one rickety chair the place afforded. She was very much out of breath; she was rather stormy as to expression; and, it must be confessed. somewhat grotesquely dressed. She had a bundle in her arms that threatened to spill its contents any moment; she clutched at a big roll of glaring yellow handbills while trying to hold a small white bouquet

with her other encumbrances; but dusty, tired, and disheveled, she was wonderfully pretty! And when we say a girl is wonderfully pretty, the practised story reader pricks up his ears for he knows that is where and why most stories begin.

There had been an encouraging shout from a half dozen miners and cowboys outside the dance hall as Nan entered. She fanned vigorously for a moment smiling grimly, then broke out. "I don't care, I got here first. I saw me rival startin' out pickin' her way, an' I say to myself: Nan ye'se been the miner's pride and pet since ye wuz a baby an' on this night, the great annual ball of the Bloody Buccaneersain't that a grand name? there an't a soul in town knows what it means! well, I sez, ye must be fust on the spot; an'-I came lickity plit! Ther ain't never been a gal on the plain could sing or dance or shoot with me; an' now Mexican Joe has got to go meddlin' an' gettin' up this here prize winnin' contest for the best singer an' dancer an' bringin' thet sickly lookin'gal out here to-to try for the prizes; it makes me sick!" Nan gulped down a sob as she crossed over to the primitive sideboard. The familiar whiskey bottle and a glass were picked up almost unconsciously, and Nan proceeded to pour out a generous drink, but paused with it half way to her mouth, and with a curious look, she set it down again, reached over for a larger tumbler which held some water and began to arrange in it her little drooping half dozen flowers with as much care as if they had been the rarest orchids.

"Tain't enough to have Eastern Song Bird for yer rival, but it likes to harrer my feelin's when I think that the best steady I ever had got killed last night, and is layin' dead thar in the next room! An' I ain't got the money to bury him decent. The prize is wuth two hundred dollars. My, what a funeral that would pay for! I must win it--I will win it!"

Carefully carrying the precious bouquet, Nan crossed to the inner room-"Bill, you wuz a good man to me an' I'll sing for ye to-night with all my heart and soul as I never sung for give me courage for Jancin' an' winnin' the ions on the subject. I was daily communicated yer while yer wuz alive." And Nan's bright prize." dark eyes glowed and cheeks crimsoned with the earnestness of her promise. Presently there was a timid knock at the door and it was pushed open, so gently it must have surprised that old door more accustomed to kicks and even shots. A girl entered younger and smaller than Nan, a dainty creature graceful as a fairy; by the roll of music she carried it was quite easy to guess that it was Nan's rival.

"The Great Eastern Song Bird." She looked about her in affright as she exclaimed "Oh, dear, I wonder if this is the place? I'm half scared to death. They say there was a murder here last night and that 'it' has not been taken away yet. What an awful place to hold a ball in! Oh, I will be so glad when Mexican Joe gets here; he don't seem like the rest of these looking men."

There was a slight sound behind her, and the poor Song Bird jumped as if she expected a grizzly bear to leap out of the piano, but it was only Nan, looking crosser than any selfrespecting grizzly ever dare look. She glanced at the new arrival and remarked loftily, "I s'pose you're Miss Lightfoot from the East!' hurrying to secure the one chair as she proceeded to take off her shoes and put on a pair of white slippers much too small for her.

"I am; Dolly Lightfoot, thank you;" she answered politely, "and this is Miss-

"Oh, thar ain't no gol-darned airs about me, I'm just Nan!"

"Ah, just Nan!" there was a slight suspicion of sarcasm in Dolly's voice as she glanced about for another chair in vain.

Tugging at an unwilling slipper Nan questioned, "I suppose you think you know jest all there is to know about singin'?"

"Well, hardly that, but I am going to do the best I can. I must; I need the money.'

"You need money!" Nan glanced incredulously at the dainty costume of lace and spangles Dolly had disclosed by removing her cloak. A sudden qualm seized poor Nan. Pretty as she was, that seemed unimportant to her when confronted for the first time by that indefinable quality called style-she thought Dolly's gown must have cost hundreds of dollars, for Nan had never heard of bargain counters and their mysteries. As she limped to the piano, a dozen schemes were flitting through her head; but one hope upheld herperhaps Dolly couldn't sing well, after all. Turning some time worn music, she asked, 'Do you sing Cow songs?"

"Certainly not!" answered Dolly indignant-

"Oh! I suppose you sing screechy then; would you like a drink before you begin? singin' is dry work."

"No, I thank you. I shall just run over one or two of my latest songs before the guests arrive; you needn't mind me, I can play for myself quite well;" and as Nan turned away in some disappointment, she added, "What a very unpleasant person!"

Then followed a bad half hour for poor Nan, for Dolly poured forth one after another all of the latest operatic successes. Nan's own bird notes were lovelier far, but she did not know that, and the trills and cadenzas executed by Dolly seemed little short of supernatural. When she finished and turned around Nan could only find voice to say weakly "have a drink now?"

An amused smile flickered over Dolly's face as she replied, "no, not any!"

"Oh, you needn't be so gosh-blamed stuck up," flashed Nan, "if you stay to this ball tonight you'll be glad enough of a bracer before you're two hours older."

A perceptible shudder passed through Dolly's slender frame. There was a long pause. In Nan's face there was growing a desperate purpose that made her pale; suddenly wheeling on her rival she began, "See here, yer don't understand, I admits yer sing like a hull dozen of waterfalls to onct, but I'se got to win that prize tonight an' I ask yer civil to let me do it pleasant like; but if not-" there was an ominous sound in the broken off sentence.

"The idea!" Dolly shrugged her "Yes, and it's my idea. Listen! My Bill got killed last night and I want the plunks to set 'em up good fer his last ride! Thar! now ye knows all my reasons whatever."

"Ah, I heard!" said Dolly softly, "so he

"He was my Bill, and he was awful good to me-he never cuffed me once e cept when he got drunk on town rum. Bill was a good man!"

"What! cuffed you?"

"Yes-ain't yer never got cuffed?"

"Good gracious no!"

"Umph! yer don't know what life is. Say! yer never know how much yer can love a man 'til he licks yer once. Oh dear, this will be Bill's last ball."

"Do you mean to say-" Dolly was getting really frightened, "that they are going to leave the-the body in there while we are-are dancing in here?"

"Sure! Why, Bill's feelin's would be hurt if we didn't. He wuz all-fired fond of dancin' an' the gol-darned'st man fer a jig that ever you see. Poor Bill!"

"But this is horrible."

"But it don't give me courage. It isn't fair! And I'm going to ask Mexican Joe to have itit removed."

"Mexican Joe! He darsn't touch him. It lays twixt him an' Four Finger Pete as to who killed my Bill."

"Oh, it could not have been Joe,-he's so good and kind."

"Oh, ho! that's the way the wind blows-ah, but you're a skittish one not to say so before." A sudden idea seemed to possess Nan, for, whirling about in a sort of Indian dance she almost shouted:

"I've got some papers what Mexican Joe lost once; he set store by 'em I know. I kept 'em cause-well, Bill hed a grudge agin him somehow. I'll go fetch 'em an' give 'em to Joe if ye'll let me win the prize tonight. It was the dream of Bill's life to be buried in a biled shirt, an' to have me drive thro' town in a carriage cryin' behind a great big gol-darned long crape

With flying hair and wildly panting bosom, Nan dashed out into the night, regardless of her white slippers that threatened to bring her to grief at every step. Five minutes later she returned to find Dolly and Mexican Joe in deep consultation. Thrusting the papers into Joe's hands, Nan said in a voice hoarse with emotion:

"Thar! Joe, take em! ef 'twar wrong to keep em blame me, but don't lift yer tongue agin

One glance and Joe surprised his sweetheart by rushing up to Nan and kissing her heartily.

"Why, Nan, gal, these are worth a fortune, an' ef I'd had 'em even late as last week I'd a sold out my interest fer nigh onto nothin' like a plumb fool. They goes to show that I own half the big 'Lucky William Mine' and the assays have just come in and, gals, I'm rich! rich, do you hear?"

Nan was awe stricken for a moment at the mportance of the "papers" she had withheld. 'An' the prize tonight?"

"Shall be yours, Nan, and five hundred dollars added to it. Dolly is goin' to only sing for me henceforard whatever; eh, little sweet-

"God bless yer, Joe. I hope yer wedded bliss will ekal what Bill an' me sperienced. An' say, would yer Song Bird an' yerself like ter ride in the carriage with me when they plants Bill?"

And thus Nan showed her gratitude that Bill's dream could be fullfiled.

A Roman Scarf.

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LL Europe was astir with political intrigue and the corruptions that attend illy governed sections. Assassinations were not frequent although the authorities down to those of minor importance, were constantly receiving threatening letters, and since King Humbert's violent end

every country had its corps of detectives who were on the alert to find some clue to the location of the so-called anarchists.

One of the largest American dailies on whose staff I chanced to be at the time, thought by sending a representative incognito across the water some information might be gained which would change the popular idea that America harbored the instigators of all these tremendous life-exterminating plots. And I was chosen to go to Europe for three months and discover what I could in the way of making sensations for our paper.

I decided upon Paris to locate first, as that was the best city to find a bit of all classes. I found lodgings in the Latin Quarter and was SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago, Ill. unknown save as "the fcreigne: who writes."

street brawl, in which I cragged a drunken brute away from a little street musician, whom he would have pounded into powder had her screams not alarmed me as I sat in my room three stories above. But such things occur so constantly that one has co learn to get acclimated, and never see and hear, or else be a selfappointed police.

State affairs at this time were very quiet, so quiet too, in fact, were all sorts of malicious doings, it seemed as though a storm must be pending, and it was into this very shower that I longed to plunge, and which eventually I barely escaped.

A few facts I did learn-that through some mysterious way messages of great political importance were daily passing into and through the city. All suspects were examined and occasionally in a woman's cloak, or in some part of a man's clothing was found a bit of lace or something he or she were trying to smuggle; but beyond this nothing written, and nothing could be told verbally because the conspiracy required information which could not be trusted to word of mouth. This I knew from the "To know he's a layin' there so close will nature of affairs and my varied views and opin-

ing to the paper, extracts of which appeared in quotations in Paris dailies every now and then with the comment that "A clever man from America would in time do more to thwan the plans of these conspirators than a whole fores of detectives."

I was gaining publicity that I did not want and could not afford to have in my line of buiness just at this time, and I sat in a little wilter shop one evening thinking if it would not be better for me to leave Paris for a little while when a most unusual incident happened. The musicians stopped playing for an intermission while the little tambourine girl gathered to the few coins that were expected. When ebe came to my table she asked if she could not tell me my fortune, and being struck with the beauty of the girl I did not hesitate to let he hold my hand and examine my palm as long as she liked. Presently she began to speak and to my intense amusement, instead of predicting for me she said in a monotone:

"I am Mordante, a Hungarian gypsy, and never forgive a wrong or forget a kindness, and Monsieur was good to me the night the ruffien tried to beat me. The Monsieur does not no member, but I have loved him and followed him for weeks since until I have learned what it is that will make him the most happy and

Just then a waiter who thought she was disturbing me, caught her roughly by the skir, and as he pushed her away she pulled a govgeously colored silken scarf from her neck and tossing it over my head in a banteringly toquettish way, added,

"My heart is wrapped within its folds, Monsieur.'

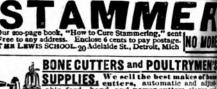
Eagerly I folded the scarf and put it in by inside pocket, nearest my heart, so that sig might see, and with a nod she with her to musician associates passed out into the night to be eulogized only in a newspaper clipping the following morning:

"A gypsy girl, Mordante, probably one of the conspirators, shot at midnight for losing important and complicating papers, and if the right person only finds these he will have mass his name and fortune."

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HE gong sounded. Both sprang to the platform of the car, advancing up that double phalanx of spread newspapers, taking the only two vacant seats almost opposite each other. Dick wiped his forehead, unfolding his evening maze of scareheads and caricature, settling back in reverie over the Wall Street column.

Soon, however, the young broker became conscious of a keen eye fixed upon him. Over the parapet of pages he ventured a sly glance, then caught his breath. The hatband tightened about his moist brow. Above the roar of the up-moving train Dick heard the beat-

ings of his own heart. Before him on the damp sheet there glowed the spirit-picture of a sweettaced young woman in the simple gown of a dollar-drudge. He recognized it.

It was a sensitive, virginal type, quite scarlet with surprise, and she was breathing short and fast as with an inner tumult. The little form was bent slightly foward as when a bird takes flight from a ledge, the curling lashes downdropped against the throbbing cheek. It was

Vividly that name conjured an eventful past. Dick closed his eyes and dreamed. He saw again in the clear morning light the old mansion of the crag-point overlooking the warm stretch of Champlain valley. There were winding ways through the wood, over trout-brooks spanned by rustic bridges, and torrents that tore over mossy cascades in apparent haste to reach the sleeping lake below. He recalled, too, the grizzled veteran, the man of millions, blustering, abrupt, piling shilling on shilling in his great granite quarries, and who looked with mingled indifference and contempt upon the promises of young dreamers in the warmth of love's first dawning.

And he recalled too the parting hour-it was Alice's eighteenth birthday-when she told him, as she had been instructed, that with all due regard for his friendly interest, she was destined for a higher career than one of such humble birth and prospects could vouchsafe her; and then he realized for the first time that he had been building high hopes upon illusions that were dispelled with the mere gesture of the parental hand. Without question or argument Dick Ellis had breathed a faint farewell, leaving her there upon the fallen beech-log, she hoping that he would turn about just once and give her a tender glance-a thing which he had never done to this day.

And he recalled how, after packing up his worldly effects in a pocket-parcel and shaking the dust of his native hamlet from his feet forever, he had come to a great metropolis to seek fortune, and how the first tidings of Alice overwhelmed him. She was in London, the guest of a West End society goddess, and betrothed to an Earl. From that day the fading image of Alice lost its power to cheer the battler against great odds even in adversity.

Then came the "black March" of '92 when fortunes went down like tin soldiers to the boom of the bean-cannon, and Wall Street was the abode of fiends. In one corner of a financial oracle were three lines that told of the utter rout and ruin of the quarry-king of the North, and his sudden death following this mortal blow to his pride. Later Dick heard of the broken engagement and the homecoming of the "belle of Champlain."

And now, here she was-the wife of an exalted peer, the leader of a charmed West End circle? No, no; merely another insignificant cog in the great money-mill of the metropolis, with stained fingers that showed familiarity With the ruling-pen and a general aspect of resignation to untoward destiny. A clayfaced Chinaman sat on her right, a Bohemian peasant-type crowding her left with a heavy basket. How tragically the dull insipidity of the dollar-drudges contrasted with the cameo features of that patrician type-the child, of fortune to a higher manner born and so pitiably unequipped amid these surroundings so at variance with her early destiny! For once Dick Ellis forgot his eighths and sixteenths, his cable advices and his prophecies for the morrow. He was alive to the keenest sense of compassion which seemed nevertheless an ignoble emotion after the passing of the greater; yet was he prompted then and there to do what he had long ago vowed that he would never do so long as he lived. But then, since neither the Chinaman nor the peasant-woman vacated to give him the chance, how could he?

Another station and then they should part, perhaps for as many years again. How long and tenderly did the broker's keen eyes rest upon that pallid countenance dotted with scar-

Fortune.

A Tramp's Luck and an Energetic Man's Purpose.

It is perhaps true as told that a tramp, searching a garbage barrel for scraps of refuse food, found a fortune in good United States currency. Such a thing may happen.

But the workman who gives up a steady occupation however unremunerative to hunt garbage barrels for a fortune will surely degenerate to a tramp. There is a difference between finding a fortune and founding a fortune. Few men chance upon fortunes. The fortunes we know about are not found but Pierce, Buffalo. N. Y. founded on a certain substantial basis. The a young man who asked, "What is the first Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

requisite to making a fortune?" "The first requisite to making a fortune," said the rich man, "is health." "The idea that fortunes are made suggests toil and industry and skill. Nothing can be made without these. But a weak man cannot toil, and industry is incompatible with ill-health. If you want to be strong remember that all physical strength comes from food and that the amount of strength extracted from food depends upon the ability of the

stomach to digest food and assimilate its nutrition. The man who takes care of his digestion is, in general, taking care of every other organ of his body."

SUCCESS OF THE STOMACH.

The merchant who gave the above opinion may not have been much of a physician but he was a good deal of a philosopher. He had seen men with success almost within the grasp, break down because of "stomach trouble." He had theorized the saying that the "weakest must go to the wall," into the saying that "the man with the weakest stomach must go to the wall" because no man is stronger than his stomach. The man who will learn this lesson of success has taken a great stride to his goal. Health is the first prerequisite of success and health in general means a sound stomach and a good digestion.

Look at the logic of the matter. Food is a man's life, his strength. Physical life is sustained by food. But the fact that a thing can be eaten doesn't make it food. Many a physician practising in the tenements of a city says of failing men or women, "What they need is nourishing food." Shipwrecked men eat scraps of leather, the bark of trees, anything to satisfy hunger. But this is not food in any true sense because it contains no nutrition. All food must be considered in relation to its nutritive value. When the stomach and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased the nutrition contained in food is imperfectly extracted and the body fails of nutrition adequate to its needs. The shipwrecked sailor living upon scraps in which there is no nutrition is on a level with the man who eats abundant nutritious food but whose stomach with its allied organs is diseased and therefore fails to extract from the food eaten the nutrition which is the body's need.

SOUND STOMACH, SOUND MAN.

of food is the life and strength of heart, lungs, liver, kidneys and every organ of the body.

his stomach and his digestion. There is the and longing. What a rush of tender memories. common seat of physical weakness. How weak vivid episodes and merry adventures-a pastormen have been made strong; strong of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, and other organs by being made strong of stomach and strong of digestion has been told thousands of times by those who have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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let, those downcast orbs, that mass of wavy brown hair and tightly folded hands over the throbbing bosom! The gateman mouthed some thing and the train slowed. Dick arose with a sigh, but not quickly enough. Alice had sprang before him as if in frantic haste to be well out of the one place in all the world where she wished she were not. Closely he followed, impelled as by a superior force. The crowd closed in behind, forcing him forward. At the door both paused, the man's bent form so close to hers now that she thought she felt his hot breath upon her throbbing neck, and it thrilled her. The train gave a sudden lurch. Up shot the thin hand to the strap above, missing it. Back she fell, and for one delicious moment that cluster of brown ringlets nestled as of yore against the broad shoulder, and his crimson cheek was buried in a maze of fluff and feathers. It was a revelation, like the quick intervention of Providence at the most critical pass in two destinies.

There was a sudden rally, without apologies. The gates opened and the young woman plunged from the car like a phantom, Dick fast in pursuit without knowing why. He was as one hypnotized. Was this indeed the very last time he should ever meet the former darling of his love? Would a nod, a smile be out of place-a glance of the eye to let her know that all was forgiven? But then, why should he vouchsafe it, and how could he do so? That is almost an axiom. The man with a Down the stair she led him a chase with that sound stomach and good digestion will in or- irregular tripping that recalled their mountain dinary be a sound man, because the nutriment jaunts of old when hand in hand they roamed the forest like spirit-children bound in reciprocal devotion of innocency, too happy not to The first need of a weak man is to look after pay for it dearly in after years of disillusion al drama of love and hope punctuated with laughter and song! How changed was it all now! And yet Dick found himself following whithersoever she led, even as of old, with almost no power within him to stay a step nor turn aside. Suddenly, just as he reached the street, the pursuer uttered a queer exclamation clapping his hand to his throat with almost tragic motion. Too true! His ruby pin, once a crown jewel of an Indian rajah, presented to him by an English nobleman who had been his Wall Street client, and worth a thousand dollars if a farthing, was gone, and Alice was the thief!

There could be no doubt about it, for was there not the evidence before him? Dick was in a quandary, redoubling his steps. The perspiration gathered at the temples and trickled down his crimson cheek. What conspiracy of the guardian destinies had brought to pass this amazing episode, of all times and of all people began the use of it and used it about eight the most dramatic? It was growing darker smiling sarcastically. The detective, however

Finding a Fortune and Founding a weeks longer, when I was permanently cured. now; and lest he lose sight of the runaway who turned not to vouchsafe him one encouraging look, Dick hurried forward almost at her very heels, keeping his eye upon her from a two-fold compunction now. What was he to do? Dared he steal up and recover his own, almost without her knowing? It seemed the only thing to do; and midway down the quite deserted block he quickened his step, then put forth his hand stealthily.

There was an angry command and a rough hand clapped upon him from behind. Dick struggled aside, and Alice turned with a startled look to discover her lover of old in the firm grip of a towering policeman.

"I admit the evidence," replied the embarrassed captive to the hard accusation. "But if you are looking for the real thief, there she

In benumbing consternation the accused faced the pair, then with the rigidity of offended dignity she exclaimed, gathering closer, 'What do you mean, sir? I-a thief?"

"Unconsciously," said the broker bowing, but, nevertheless, if taking by force and stealth what does not belong to one constitutes a theft, I pronounce you guilty. Reach your hand around to your back hair, and you will find entangled there a ruby scarf pin worth a king's ransom to me. You see, when you fell against me in the 'El-car', the pin caught among the ringlets-

"Oh, Dick, Dick! It is true. How wonderful!" Approaching in all contrition now, the gem gleaming its crimson rays like an inspired drop of blood from the palm of her gloved hand, she added, "It's all a mistake, officer. I am so sorry, Dick, really I am."

"You almost make me wish I were sorry myself, but truly I'm not. Officer, have a cigar. Oh, I say, Alice. Don't run away from me like that." The broker saluted the astonished man in blue and hurried on to the fleeting girl's side. "Alice, Alice!" he called softly. "I have so much to say to you-

She turned upon him with her sweet face expressive of inner tumult. "What is it now?" she murmured in a voice tremulous with tears and just a little reproachful. "Have I stolen anything else of yours?"

"Yes, Alice you have," he answered solemny, "and quite as innocently. But I fear the charming offence is outlawed, it happened so long ago, you know." He took her hand and drew it through his arm, crushing it close to him lest she resist. "At any rate, if all larcenies brought about such a grateful denouement as this-" He paused, turning to glance courage and devotion once more into the downcast face. "Shall we go to the opera to-night, Alice, dear?"

The Rajah's ruby is a solitaire ring now.

Dr. McGregor and Henry LaCoste.

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NSPECTOR Harvey of the Bank Squad was leisurely returning to police headquarters one afternoon, when his attention was called to a well-dressed gentleman who had every appearance of being some prosperous business or professional man. While at another time the inspector might not have given the man more than a passing thought at most, on this particular day he glanced sharply at him, wheeled and followed, wondering the while what there was about the man that

interested him. Before the detective had gone three blocks the light came-the man he was ollowing was a notorious bank robber and sneak thief, for whom the police and detective force of several cities had been searching a year or more.

Just as the man was entering a building the inspector laid his hand on his shoulder, his other hand seeking his own hip pocket, for Henry LaCoste was a desperate man, ready to murder the individual who stood between himself and liberty.

"LaCoste, you are wanted at headquarters." said the detective, tightening his grip on the man's shoulder.

At the first word the detained man leaped as hough stung, but it was only for an instant.

"Errors will occur," said he, his voice admirably controlled, "my card, no doubt, will satisfy you that you are mistaken in your man, sir."

ALEXANDER J. McGREGOR, M. D. 64 LEXINGTON STREET. BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The above was the card which the suspected man politely tendered the inspector, the while

was far from being convinced that he had made a mistake. He believed that the man before him was the much wanted Henry LaCoste, and despite the vehement protests of the alleged him was the much wanted Henry LaCoste, and despite the vehement protests of the alleged physician he locked arms with him and started for headquarters.

"An arrest that does you credit, John," said

the captain, the prisoner having been positively identified as the notorious bank robber Henry LaCoste. "I shall not forget the service."

ly identified as the notorious bank robber Henry LaCoste. "I shall not forget the service." The following day, however, a most astounding piece of news reached headquarters, something that caused the captain to color clear to the roots of his hair. A dispatch from Philadelphia stated that Henry LaCoste had died six months previous at a hospital in that city, that papers had come to light within a week through the hospital authorities, which proved conclusively that LaCoste would trouble the police no more.

The Captain of Police was convinced, but not Inspector Harvey, and though the prisoner was immediately released from custody, he was immediately released from custody, he made it his business to shadow the man he had arrested, and before a week was over he had learned much of his life, which, while proving that Dr. McGregor's life was not that of an upright man, did not establish that which the inspector believed—that a mistake had been made and that Henry LaCoste was still in the land of the living, passing to and fro among the people as a physician. He learned that Dr. McGregor had had an office on Lexington Street for several years, and this fact staggered the detective, positive as he was that he was right in the arrest which he had made.

The detective acknowledged that he was in error, but having learned somewhat of Dr. McGregor's life during that week, came to the

error, but having learned somewhat of Dr. Mc-Gregor's life during that week, came to the conclusion that if the man could not be held as Henry LaCoste, he could be arrested as a criminal who was treading in Henry LaCoste's footsteps. A package of one hundred ten-dollar bills had mysteriously disappeared from the cashier's window at one of the leading banks. No one saw the theft occur and the bank officials were at a loss to account for the disappearance of the money The package was lying pearance of the money The package was lying upon the counter within the wire grating and no person was seen to enter or leave the bank no person was seen to enter or leave the bank between the seeing and missing of the money by the cashier, save a depositor—Doctor Alexander McGregor. Other robberies occurred, some of them bearing all the thumbmarks of Henry LaCoste, and strangely enough Dr. McGregor was close at hand when these latter were committed. That the doctor was the thief, there was no doubt in the inspector's mind; the point was—to catch him in the act. Dr. McGregor had a servant in his employ from whom the detective learned several facts connected with the physician. The detective contrived to see him alone one morning and the information that he gained, while interesting to the detective, shed little light on the case.

"The master is not the man I used to know," said Feeley, the servant, "the doctor is no longer here; some other man is in his place. Nothing is as it was then."

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"I do not understand you," said the detective, "what do you mean when you say that somebody else is here in the doctor's place."
"I mean what I say," replied Feeley, "something strange, something I can't describe, happened here some six months since. I was through with my work and had gone to my room one night feeling at peace with the world. Just as the clocks were striking twelve I heard a slight sound in the hall, and the next instant the laboratory door was softly opened and closed again. The same sound I have heard hundreds of times at all hours of the night, but somehow on this particular night I felt a cold hundreds of times at all hours of the night, but somehow on this particular night I felt a cold shiver go over me and I sat up in bed listening. It was not long before I heard another sound that stirred me as nothing had in the past. A chair was tipped over and I heard master's voice calling as though in great distress. Not stopping to dress I rushed from my room, merely carrying a stove poker, and as I bounded over the stairs I heard master's voice again as though pleading with some one to leave him as though pleading with some one to leave him alone. Not stopping to knock I made bold to enter the room and there found master resting against the fireplace, at least I thought it was master, until he spoke to me. 'Keep out of this room in the future,' said he, advancing to meet me, and frightened by his looks I hurried

away.
"The following day this strange man who had taken master's place, who looked like mas-ter, but did not talk or act like him, refused to see any of the patients that came to the office, and from morning till night he sat there by the fire, shaking and shivering, cursing me when-ever I came near."

"Does this man seem to be well supplied with

"Does this man seem to be well supplied with money?" asked the detective, "and does he settle with you as well as your old master?"
"Oh, yes, he always has money, far more than the master I used to know; rolls of bills, and he thinks nothing of slipping an extra five dollars into my hand of a time when he is feeling good-natured, but with it all, I would sooner know one little finger of my old master, than have things as they are."

From the day of this interview with the ser-

From the day of this interview with the ser-From the day of this interview with the servant, the inspector shadowed his man more closely than ever, and the longer he followed him, the more he was convinced that however mistaken he was at the start, he would event-

round up a rogue of the first water.

Finally things came to a head. A wealthy man had been held up not ten rods from Doctor McGregor's office, and resisting, was mur-dered. The detective was several blocks away, but arrived on the scene in time to see the assassin disappear through the door of Doctor McGregor's office. One glance at the prostrate figure upon the

sidewalk told the inspector that the man was dead, a savage knife-thrust having done the work. The first thing to accomplish was the arrest of the murderer before he had an opportunity to escape. It would be dangerous business and the inspector knew enough of desperter was to appreciate his peril but the determinant ness and the inspector knew enough of desperate men to appreciate his peril, but the detective was not the man to flinch, and without hesitation he ran to the rear of the house, aroused Feeley, who was dozing over the fire, and pressed on through the house to the laboratory, followed closely by the servant.

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Within the laboratory some one was moving, presumably the murderer, and throwing open the door, the detective advanced with drawn

had scarcely learned whether the man was dead or alive. A brief examination, however, convinced him that though the man was alive,

death was not far away.
Suddenly the wounded man moved convulsively, opened his eyes and looked questioningly about the room and at the detective, as though unable to understand what had oc-At the same time the detective became curred. aware of a wonderful change in those windows of the soul, the eyes. That uneasy, sly and finally murderous gleam had disappeared, and inally murderous gleam had disappeared, and in its place an eye clear and kindly, met the detective's. Then, too, it seemed as though the lines of his face were undergoing a change, for when Feeley returned with a doctor it were as though another had changed places with the wounded man, and Feeley's exclamation of astonishment and delight showed that the detective was not alone in observing this. "My master! My master has returned!" said Feeley, dropping by the wounded man's side, "come back to die," he added as he understood the meaning of the terrible pallor that had overspread the face.

"Sir," said the dying man, addressing the cetective, "I desire to say a few words before it is too late in reference to a remarkable experience that it was my misfortune to go through some months since.

"I was seated in my laboratory here one even-

as seated in my laboratory here one evening. I think it was near the hour of twelve, and ing, I think it was near the hour of twelve, and was deep in thought over a critical case which I had in mind, when I was aroused by a hand being laid upon my shoulder. Supposing that it was Feeley, here, I turned to ask him what he desired. What was my astonishment, and indeed, horror, to find myself face to face with an uncanny visitor who stood in threatening manner over me. I sprang to my feet and demanded the intruder's business.

"No word was spoken, but it seemed as

"No word was spoken, but it seemed as though the unearthly being were laying hold of me, clutching me by the throat, choking and tearing me to pieces. The struggle must have created some audible disturbance, for Feeley suddenly rushed into the room. He came too late however for the strange being came too late, however, for the strange being, I might name him, for I know his name only too well, was Henry LaCoste, who had died in the flesh that very night, had complete possession of me, and I sternly ordered him out of the room.

"It seemed as though a spirit of unrest and desire for theiving had possession of me from that day. I was no longer Doctor McGregor, but rather, Henry LaCoste, and I lived even as LaCoste, the bank robber and sneak thief had

LaCoste, the bank robber and sneak thief had lived.

"I can say little more, for I feel my strength going and all will soon be over, only this, that I am convinced that naturally I bore a remarkable resemblance to LaCoste, and that when his spirit took possession of me, I took on his voice, his manner of living, and in a word his complete personality. From that day till the moment I was cut down, here in this room, I was no longer Doctor McGregor, but as I said before, LaCoste. But with the approach of death I find that the being that has dominated me has departed. I—"

me has departed. I—"

For a moment the dying man was silent, as though unable to complete the sentence he was

about to utter.

"Thomas," said he at length, turning to Feeley, "remember—remember me—as—"

Death was hovering very closely above its victim, "as Doctor McGregor."

An Unexpected Listener.

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HE thrilling adventure which my story relates, happened to Mary Page during her second year as a Missionary in the East. It was a hot day; not a breath stirred the great palms in the Sultan's gardens. Mary had been teaching with her father all the morning at the Mission-House and as she sat down in the little American rocking chair that the native children all loved to ride so soon as they grew bold enough to venture, a pang of acute loneliness filled her eyes with burning tears. She could see so clear-

ly the brook that ran from the upland pastures, dewy and fresh, down through the Long Meadow, and hear the song sparrow singing his ecstatic melody.

Her little room was bare and hot, whitewashed for sanitary reasons, the glare burnt her eyes, even though the blinds were down except on the side next to the royal garden. She loved to see the feathery fronds of the palms and the top of the peepeel-tree there and to hear the distant splash of the royal fountains. There was a little door in the wall and often the children of the Sultan's household would be allowed to come with their obsequious dark attendants to the residence of the Missionary whose daughter was permitted to give within the laboratory some one was moving, presumably the murderer, and throwing open the door, the detective advanced with drawn revolver to arrest his man.

With a howl of rage the assassin sprang at the detective, a knife flashing in his right hand. A flash and report from the detective's revolver was the answer, and the man dropped in his tracks.

Summoning Feeley to his assistance, the detective with some difficulty carried the wounded man across the room to the lounge, and having dispatched the servant for a physi-

cian, turned his attention to the man he had shot, for in the excitement of the moment he the floor, listened with wide-open eyes and

gleaming white teeth.

There was one little boy, Lalli, a beautiful child but not strong, whose litter had been thrown down in some panic during a pilgrim-age to a famous shrine, and who had been bad-ly hurt in the crush that ensued. He could not walk yet, but Dr. Page, at once missionary and physician had him in his care by the especial favor of the Sultan, and hoped much to effect a final cure. He had had a pair of tiny crutches made for the little prince, which he was beginning to use with much dexterity.

Lalli was fond of power and self-indulgent, but he was affectionate, and had a wonderful sensibility to music. However weary Mary was, she would always play for him and try to solace his hours of suffering, and the child had more than once stolen away from his nurses

and come to seek her.

A day or two ago an embassy had arrived from one of the "little kings of the East" some royal or sultan of a tiny domain. Mary had been kept awake by the barbaric music of the processions, the buzzing, squeaky, drumming noise the natives, like children delighted with a clatter, call music, and with this mingled deep growls from the animals in two or three strong cages, fastened on bullock carts—the reluctant gift of the jungle to the court. For an hour or so after the torches, musicians and carts had vanished, she heard the thud, thud, of bare feet or the slide of sandals on the streets, and the excited chattering of the natives, pleased with the show. Lalli had not been to see her since. Doubtless he had received special gifts, for his mother was known to be a present favorite. However, he could not long absent himself from the violin.

himself from the violin.

Mary smiled as she rose and taking down the violin from its place on the wall, began to play a cradle hymn that she had heard her own mother sing often and often in the twilight, a simple melody, but it expressed the longing of a simple and humble soul after the higher things of eternal life, a melody that was half a prayer. Her arm fell to her side and she stood in a reverie, half sad, half sweet, when a sudden sound made her start with terror. She had in a reverie, half sad, half sweet, when a sudden sound made her start with terror. She had left the low window open next to the gardens, and what she heard was the low, frightened cry of a child and the click, click of Lalli's crutches. He was on the window-ledge, and by the aid of one crutch sprang inside. He made one attempt to draw close and fasten the blind, but it was in vain, and he caught Mary's dress with one trembling hand, gazing terrified over his shoulder as if at something that pursued him.

Mary instinctively thrust him behind her for protection, and at the same moment the open-ing was darkened and with a low growl a striped and tawny animal, the Royal Tiger sent to the Sultan and escaped from its cage, leaped into the place the boy had occupied the instant

He was a beautiful creature, rich in color, graceful and flexible in movement and with a noiseless step as if "shod with silence." His flery eyes were wide open and round, not contracted into narrow slits like the green eyes of our beauty had cots in the light.

our household cats in the light.

Mary's violin was still in her hand, held against her shoulder in a half-caressing attitude. She remembered having read of the strange influence of music over beasts and as the tiger opened its lips in a savage snarl at Lalli's cry, she drew the bow slowly across the trings and hearn playing a low soft slumber strings and began playing a low, soft slumber

The tiger slowly descended to the floor, and as Mary played, walking to and fro, she con-trived to keep Lalli on the farther side, and to move nearer and nearer the door. The tiger followed her, pacing slowly and at times purfing and rubbing his great head, in evidence of his pleasure, against the folds of her dress.

Mary still played—played lullabies, hymns, melodies of tender and soothing sweetness. She dared not turn her head but she heard the door open and close—Lalli was safe! God be

door open and close—Lalli was safe! God be thanked!—but how long could she continue this? Her arm ached, her head whirled, but at this? Her arm ached, her head whiled, but at every sign of relaxation on her part the tiger moved more restlessly. Suddenly the door burst open, something whizzed through the air and she fell back in a dead faint just as the native keepers, summoned by Lalli, secured the power ul brute, struggling with his lasso and growling furiously.

growling furiously.

Mary had played before many a "select audience" before, but never had known such approval as her unexpected listener, the Royal Bengal Tiger from the Sultan's gardens, had vouchsafed her.

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ANY people, and Americans too, are unaware that the general-ly accepted pic-ture of George Washington, and the operary and the one from hich most of us form our idea of his features, was not during his life con-sidered his best likeness, and it is a question how

sidered his best likeness, and it is a question how closely the generally accepted portait resembles the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face of the face of paper. and decreate of the face o

quired upon a curtain or piece of paper, and drawing an out-line which was subsequently re-duced if neces-

subsequently reduced, if necessary, or else by cunning artists cutting with scissors a piece of white paper to show the features of the subject.

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village, were to be found portrait painters of greater or less repute, who made it a business to produce alleged likenesses of any persons who were able to pay. In the smaller places, these painters usually combined this high order of art with the more material work of furnishing portraited

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In thinking be remem-bered that at no time was Washington ever a poor man. Reared man. Reared the son of one of the largest pro-prietors in Virginia, where im-mense fort-unes for that time were were easily made, and where

the people

PEALE'S WASHINGTON AS A YOUTH.

Is generally accepted as a better specidegree of iuxury which was hardly equalled in any part of the world, from his youth up he was surrounded by works of art and as many luxuries as were obtainable in this new world, which may be a surrounded for such things on the markets.

The large picture which is published is known as Washington as a Youth. It is the earliest portrait of Washington as a Youth. It is the ries as were obtainable in this new world, which mainly depended for such things on the markets of London. It was customary in those days, in sending shiploads of tobacco and other produce to England, where the market was, to commission the captain to buy things to bring out on his return voyage; so that in addition to the numerous supplies necessary to the colonists, as they grew richer and in better circumstances, it was customary to furnish the new American homes with objects of art and luxury, books, etc., obtained in London; and even today are to be found both in Virginia and New England,

hundreds of objects of art and utility, which were brought out to the colonies from England in the old packet ships.

To resume, then, it must be remembered that

To resume, then, it must be remembered that Washington throughout his life was surrounded by the usual surroundings of culture and refinement. His beautiful estate at Mt. Vernon is today one of the most beautiful sights in America, and shows in its restored condition an idea of what elegance and grandeur it must have had during the life of Washington, when filled with objects of art and value.

It was therefore natural that a man who had become one of the richest proprietors in America.

It was therefore natural that a man who had become one of the richest proprietors in America, and whose fortune would have been large in any part of the world and whose fame as a statesman had reached every part of Europe, should have been the object of every portrait painter of renown. Naturally America in those early days possessed comparatively few artists of great celebrity, but some had attained fame; and to these, and to a few foreigners who came to this side of the water, we are indebted for a number of portraits of this great chieftain. So frequent were the visits of these artists, and so importunate were they, that even Wash-

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and so importunate ington grew i m-patient; and as early as in the spring of 1785, he wrote to a friend in a letter still existing: existing:

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"I am so hackneyed to the touches of the painter's pencil that I am altogether at the ir beck, and sit like patience on a monument while they are deline at in g the lines of my face. It is a proof of what habit and custom can effect. At first, I was as impatient at the request and as restive under the operation as a colt is of the saddle. The next time I submitted very reluctantly, but with less flouncing. Now, no dray moves more readily to the thill than I do to the painter's chair."

It is certain that from his youth to the very

It is certain that from his youth to the very edge of the grave, his features were reproduced by artists and sculptors of all degrees of fame, who desired to make some lasting memento of his face. It was a task of no little time to paint a good picture, requiring a number of sittings, and then much elaboration in the studio; so that when it is told that there are no less than thirty known to be authentic portraits of Washington, and an innumerable lot of portraits which may have been original or copies of others, or partly original and partly copied, it seems wonderful to think how so busy a man could ever have devoted the time to this occupation. It is certain that for twenty-six years of his life an average of more than one authentic portrait a year was produced from life sittings; and even to this late date, every now and then in some foreign collection will appear some colored or black and white reproduction of these well-known features, which in a way all resemble each other, and yet are strangely dissimilar.

In addition to the numerous paintings, drawings and silhouettes, it must be remembered that there are a large number of more or less authentic busts, bas reliefs and casts of Washington's face. It is certain that from his youth to the very

less authentic busts, bas reliefs and casts of Washington's face.

Of this great array of pictures, we can produce only a few. The initial cut at the head of the piece is of the English coat of arms of the Washington's relief. Washington family, which was retained by Washington as a seal for legal papers through-out his life. The Stuart picture, above referred to, is the most world famed portrait of Washington; and is, as above

noted, the commonly accepted features of him; but the original was held unfinished through life by Stuart, although he had copied it fully three hundred times, making slight variations from the original un-finished por-trait in the replicas that he finished for various par-ties. Stuart was born in Rhode Island in 1755, and died in Boston in 1828, He was far ahead of other American artists of that period, and especially in portrait painting, in which he excelled. This portrait of Washington, which we which we call Stuart second, was painted at an earlier date than that commonly accepted, and is generally



panion.

The large picture which is published is known as Washington as a Youth. It is the earliest portrait of Washington known to exist, and was the first of many Washington pictures painted by a noted American artist by the name of Peale. Peale was a lifelong acquaintance of Washington, and undoubtedly knew his face better than any other artist. So far as can be learned by tradition and writings, the immediate family and friends of Washington considered Peale's likeness unapproached by other artists. In the present picture, Washington is represented in the unform of a Virginia colonel, consisting of a blue coat with

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scarlet facing, scarlet waistcoat and breeches, with a purple scarf suspending his sword. The silver gorget around his throat is still pre-served in a collection in Massachusetts. This

painting is still in existence, and has come in a direct line of Washing-ton's relatives to ton's relatives to its present owners

In this connec-In this connection it would be well to note that Washington left no immediate heirs, and that through quarrels over his estate the personal be-longings and fur-niture at Mt. Ver-

non were sold at auction with indecent haste, andwashington's Last LIFE scattered throughscattered through-

scattered throughout the colonies.

The last picture published in this small collection is a copy of a hasty sketch by a French
artist named St. Menin, who is supposed to have
made it about one year before Washington's
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Around About Salem.

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the ministers of Salem was called, and the chilthe ministers of Salem was called, and the children were declared to be under the influence of witchcraft. A poor, bedridden old woman named Osborn and another poor old body named Sarah Good, who was a kind of a vagrant, were accused of having bewitched the for the crime the following July. But this did not cure the "afflicted children," who conor the crime the following July. But this did not cure the "afflicted children," who continued to scream without apparent cause and do all sorts of strange things. Urged to name those who had bewitched them they named persons of great prominence and the highest character. Among those named by the children was Dame Martha Corey, an elderly woman, the wife of Giles Corey, one of the most prominent men in Salem. She had been outspoken in her denouncement of the folly of anyone believing in anything so absurd as prominent men in Salem. She had been outspoken in her denouncement of the folly of anyone believing in anything so absurd as witchcraft, and this had caused her to be regarded with much disfavor and also with suspicion. She was promptly arrested when the "afflicted children" accused her of having bewitched them, and when brought into the presence of the children they immediately began to scream as if in great agony, as well they might had they had any realizing sense of all that they were bringing upon the good woman. Martha Corey was tried, and even her own husband gave evidence that helped to condemn her. She was executed and, later, her husband was arrested for witchcraft and he too suffered death. Eight persons were executed on Gallows Hill one September day in the year 1692, but we are glad to record that they were the last persons executed in the colony, although others were arrested and thrown into prison. The craze lasted for about six months, but during that short time hundreds of persons were thrown into jail and unspeakable suffering was caused in many homes.

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The strange conduct of the two little girls who had caused so many arrests was still, in the minds of many, unaccounted for, but it is now supposed that it was a sort of hysteria caused by nervousness and excitement. Rumors of witchcraft were afloat and the children had heard their elders talking of the strange things done by those supposed to be bewitched. It is probable that the nervous and excited children had lain awake nights thinking of all they had heard, and they no doubt thought they were

had lain awake nights thinking of all they had heard, and they no doubt thought they were really bewitched. It is to the credit of some of those who were the most pronounced believers in the delusion that they afterward confessed publicly their profound regret for any part that they had had in the conviction of the supposed witches, and they sincerely mourned the lamentable results of their folly.

There is much to be recorded to the credit of Salem. None of the people were more patriotic or courageous than were the people of Salem in the time of the Revolution. They vigorously opposed the unjust Stamp Act, and they were among the first to make armed resistance against the British government when the injustice and oppression government when the injustice and oppression of that government became unbearable. The old town has been visited by Washington, Lafayette and many of the most distinguished persons connected with American history.

The town has been the home of many of the most distinguished literary men of American

most distinguished literary men of America.

Prescott, the historian, Judge Story and his son the poet and sculptor, lived in Salem, and one may see here the house in which Nathaniel Hawthorne was born, and the house in which his wife lived before her marriage, the house in which he waste his ment famous book the

his wife lived before her marriage, the house in which he wrote his most famous book, the "House of the Seven Gables" that gave the title to one of his stories, and the custom house in which he was employed while he was writing that book.

One may see the house in which Hawthorne's mother lived when she became a widow with several little children. It was of one of the rooms of this house that Hawthorne wrote in after years: "If ever I should have a biographer, he ought to make great mention of this chamber in my memoirs, because so much of after years: "If ever I should have a blographer, he ought to make great mention of this chamber in my memoirs, because so much of my lonely youth wasted here, and here my mind and character were formed; and here I have been glad and hopeful, and here I have been despondent. And here I sat a long, long time, waiting patiently for the world to know me, and sometimes wondering why it did not know me sooner, or whether it would ever know me at all—at least until I were in my grave. By and by the world found me out in my lonely chamber, and called me forth, not indeed, with a loud roar of acclamation, but rather with a still, small voice, and forth I went, but found nothing in the world that I thought preferable to my old solitude."

The museums of Salem are rich in relics of bygone days, and there is no town in America in which the visitor, young or old, can spend a day with greater interest or profit. One must be charmed with the quaintness that still lingers in the older parts of the town, and with the wonderful beauty of the great Atlantic as seen from Salem's rocky shores.

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When is a President Elected?

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HE newspapers all said that William McKinley was re-elected president of the United States last November. Was this really so? Few this really so? Few people stop to think of, even if they know anything about, the complicated machinery which really elects the president of this country.

What were really elected in November

what were really elected in November were the electors who are to elect the president. These men for each state are equal in number, as most persons know, to the number of representatives and senators which that state has in Congress. That is, the great state of New York has thirty-That is, the great state of New York has thirty-four congressmen and two senators, and hence has thirty-six electors in the electoral college, as the body is called which elects the chief magistrate. A state which has only one con-gressman has three electors, one for that official and one for each of its two senators.

The way in which these electors shall vote The way in which these electors shall vote has been carefully directed by the Constitution. It is also stipulated that no senator, or congressman, or person holding a position of trust or profit under the United States government can be chosen as an elector.

These electors meet in their own states and vote for president and vice president there.

These electors need in their own states and vote for president and vice president there. The Constitution prescribes that at least one of the men they vote for shall not live in the same state as the men voting. This removes the possibility of having the president and vice president there. dent come from the same state. They vote by ballot, and after they have voted must make lists of the result of the votes. These lists must be signed, sealed and disposed of as fol-

must be signed, sealed and disposed of as follows:

The electors must make three of these lists, which are all signed and certified to, and then sealed up separately. The electors then choose one of their number who is to travel to Washington and in person deliver one of the lists to the President of the Senate. The second list is sent to the same official through the regular channels of the Post Office, and the third is delivered to the judge of the district in which the electors meet. Being appointed messenger to carry the vote to the President of the Senate is no empty honor, since the man who carries it receives "twenty-five cents for every mile of the estimated distance by the most usual road it receives "twenty-five cents for every fille of the estimated distance by the most usual road from the place of meeting of the electors to the seat of government of the United States." The bill of the men who bring the votes of Wash-ington and Oregon is no small one, while if the time ever comes that Alaska, the Sandwich Islands and the Philippines are entitled to rep-resentation, even much greater amounts will be required.

The law provides that the electors must meet

The law provides that the electors must meet and vote on the second Monday in January following their appointment by the people at what is usually known as the "November presidential election." The law also provides that Congress must be in session on the second Wednesday in Exhibitation of the proving this meet-Wednesday in February following this meeting of the electors. The members of the Senate and the House of Representatives meet together on that day, at 1 P. M., in the hall of the House of Representatives. The President of the Senate presides over this union meeting. of the Senate presides over this union meeting. Two tellers are appointed on behalf of each branch of Congress. The President of the Senate opens all of the returns which have been brought to him and hands the papers to these four tellers. They arrange the papers in alphabetical order, so that the count will begin with letter A. The tellers then read the lists alphabetical order, so that the count will begin with letter A. The tellers then read the lists aloud and make a report to the presiding officer of the results. This officer then declares who is elected president and vice president of the United States.

Usually, of course, this counting in Washington is only a cut-and-dried affair, but this has not always been the case.

Previous to 1804 the electors voted or two persons as candidates for president. The one who

revious to look the electors voted or two persons as candidates for president. The one who received the highest number of votes became president, and the one who had the second highest number became vice president. In 1804 the Constitution was amended so that the electors voted for both of the officers separately.

electors voted for both of the officers separately. The Constitution provides that if the electors do not succeed in electing a candidate, the election passes into Congress. In 1824 there was no choice and the House of Representatives elected Adams. Various other complications have arisen at different times. In 1817 objection was made to admitting the vote of the State of Indiana, on the ground that this was not a state at the time the electors were chosen although afterwards becoming so. The was not a state at the time the electors were chosen, although afterwards becoming so. The vote was finally admitted. In 1857 the vote of Wisconsin was objected to because on account of a violent snow storm in that state the election was held on the day following the one appointed by law. In this case, also, the vote was finally admitted. This was when Buchanan was a candidate.

In 1872, General Grant and Horace Greely were the candidates. Greely died before the

were the candidates. Greely died before the time in 1873 when the votes were to be counted, and objection was made to counting the votes cast for him on this account. At that time the Senate and the House disagreed as to which course was the right one to follow in this matter.

course was the right one to follow in this matter.

The closest contest in the history of the country was in 1876, when Hayes and Tilden were the candidates. There was a dispute over the votes of Florida, Louisiana, Oregon and South Carolina. The dispute was referred by Congress to an electoral commission of eight republicans and seven democrats, which by a strict party vote declared all of the doubtful states republican. The closeness of the contest can be seen from the fact that this decision gave Hayes only 185 votes while Tilden had 184. Every one who remembers the state of uncertainty under which the country labored through all the long winter while this contest was being decided, will rejoice that the election just passed was so conclusive that the matter was settled once for all. once for all.

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the eastern district of Brooklyn N. Y., is one of the largest valentine factories in the world; from here the world; from here every year millions of valentines are sent out for sale all over the world, though ninety-nine and one-half per cent of them are used here in this country. And each February approximately \$3000.00, and as much more for postage are spent on these little paper trifles. Some are of ad all with gaudy pic-

paper, some of satin, and all with gaudy pic-tures of distorted cupids or other sentimental devices.

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In this factory the busiest month is January, but 400 girls and men are employed the entire year in making these things which are of value only for one day.

There are three classes, therefore three departments; lace, novelty and comic.

In the lace-room is a unique machine; a cylinder containing the design is inserted under which passes the paper which is cut and embossed as it revolves. The operator pulls out these strips of lace paper by the yard which are then cut into sections and pasted on cards. There are anywhere from 100 to 200 different designs ranging in price from \$.02 to \$.50.

The novelty-room employs 30 or 40 girls and often 20 different hands are employed in the manufacture of one valentine. These novelties are more expensive than the lace-paper, being made of silk, satin or celluloid; of these there are 100 different kinds varying from \$.50 to \$5.00. Last year and the year before there were thousands made to be sent to Cuba, Porto Rico and to the Philippines.

The third variety, comic, is to the refined mind a waste of money. Yet it is computed that 20,000,000 of them are sent annually.

In the department for making these there are anumber of presses where thousands of the 500 different designs are printed each hour.

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There are two men employed in designing them. The artist is a magazine illustrator, and a Harvard College man makes the verses to go under their flashy pictures.

Comics are most popular in the west. The sale in New England and the south being comparatively small.

The trans-continental freight is so high that commerce for San Francisco is shipped by sailing vessels around Cape Horn, from four to six months ahead of time. These "penny-dreadfuls" are comical only to the sender, and to the recipient only offensive.

If we would remember the 14th of February in any way-out of respect to Saint Valentine let us distribute that day, instead of these vulgar paper trifles, words of good-will, that there may be more rather than less sunshine.

The Salt Fish Industry.

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Known from one end of the earth to the other for its fishing industries. A city of brine and salt. Its odor reaches the city limits are touched, and the word Gloucesthe lips of the stranger.

and the word Gloucester springs unbidden to the lips of the stranger. The writer spent a day recently among the fish-houses and wharves that form an almost unbroken line along the water front, and through the courtesy of several merchants gainted an excellent idea of the manner in which the salt fish business is carried on today.

I learned that most of the firms engaged in the curing of fish own from three to a dozen ressels which constantly ply between the port and the fishing-grounds. There are the "shackers," or hand-line, those carrying trawls and the "bankers." The first two make trips of from three to four weeks and carry ice, while the latter are gone from three to six months and carry salt.

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It is customary aboard the "shackers" to cut the tongues from the fish as fast as they are taught, thus bleeding them and at the same time furnishing a convenient means of keeping account of each man's catch. These fish are considered the finest brought in, the bleeding producing a whiter fish.

The principal fish brought into Gloucester are cod, haddock, hake, pollock, cusk, mackerel, halibut and herring. Of these, the first five are cured in two ways—dry salted and pickled. The dry salted come in all salted; are weighed and piled in a high pile. As soon as convenient they are placed upon the flakes, (long racks) and covered with cotton cloth, held by frames about a foot from the fish, thus protecting them from the direct rays of the sun; here they remain from two to four days, according to the weather conditions. The fish are next wheeled under cover and piled up ugain where they sweat for forty-eight hours, after which they are placed again upon the flakes and aired for another day; they are then ready for the market.

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The pickled cured are weighed as soon as they are landed at the wharf and placed in large boxes where they are washed. They are next packed in hogsheads or "butts" as the fishermen term them, first a layer of fish and then a layer of salt; twenty-four hours later these hogsheads are full of strong brine, the fish making its own brine. The fish remain in this pickle from ten days to five months, according to the wants of the firm. When it is deemed advisable to complete the curing they are taken out of the brine and piled up for forty-eight hours. From one to two days on the flakes completes the process and this kind is ready for shipment.

Halibut are brought in fresh, the long bone cut out, and the sides intended for smoking placed in pickle where they remain from ten days to a fortnight. These strips are hung in the smoke-house and a fire of chips and sawdust produces a dense smoke which cures the

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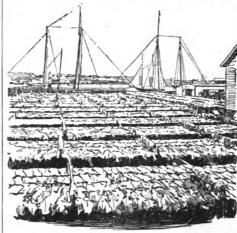
Mackerel are generally seined today. A school of the fish is sighted and a net perhaps two hundred and twenty-five fathoms long and one hundred fathoms deep is placed about it. Sometimes the fish are too quick for the fishermen and escape before the net can be closed up; at other times a catch is made amounting to several hundred barrels. The mackerel are split down the back and salted in barrels in much the same manner as the fish already much the same manner as the fish already described.

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Herring are both smoked and salted, the process being much the same as that already described relating to halibut and mackerel, save that in both cases they are cured whole.

Within a few years an extensive business has grown up hand in hand with the salt fish industry; I refer to the preparing of boneless fish. The fish comes to the firm pickled cured, only this kind being suitable for this purpose. Each fish is skinned and the backbone removed, after which the fins are pulled out, and if the fish is to be sold under the head of absolutely boneless fish, short bones that were not removed at first are cut out. A machine absolutely boneless hish, short bones that were not removed at first are cut out. A machine cuts the fish up into oblong strips and these pieces are sent to a room where women and girls pack it into iron moulds, and a pressure of over a ton produces a compact brick of one, two or three pounds weight, as the case may be. It is then packed in boyes and shipped is then packed in boxes and shipped.

It is not many years since the government paid a bounty to every man that shipped aboard a fishing vessel for a period of four months or more, but though this has been done away with, there is little difficulty experienced in securing men to make up a crew. The business is a dangerous one and full of hardships, but going as the men do on shares, the chance of earning large dividends is too much for the fisherman, and whatever the dangers he laughs



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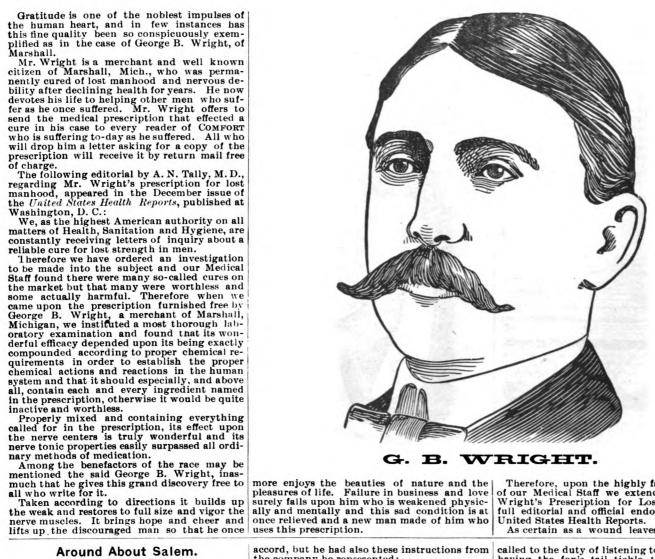
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Gratitude is one of the noblest impulses of the human heart, and in few instances has this fine quality been so conspicuously exemplified as in the case of George B. Wright, of Marshall.

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The following editorial by A. N. Tally, M. D., regarding Mr. Wright's prescription for lost manhood, appeared in the December issue of the United States Health Reports, published at Washington, D. C.:

We, as the highest American authority on all matters of Health, Sanitation and Hygiene, are constantly receiving letters of inquiry about a



G. B. WRIGHT.

sure as effect follows cause, do men live to repent their follies and indiscretions in weakness and suffering. The tortured sufferer may bear no tell-tale marks of ruin upon his face to betray his lost manhood. He goes to his grave a human wreck, and never tells of his sufferings for fear of shame. Such mental anguish at times drives him to the verge of desperation, and he is easy prey for those vultures in human form—quack doctors—who hold out alluring hopes of cure only to disappoint, and after robbing him of his money, plunge him into absolute despair.

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No one can appreciate these horrors of lost manhood except he who has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers except he who knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. A notable cure of lost manhood in an extreme case was effected in the person of George B. Wright, a music dealer and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich. Mr. Wright for years suffered the agony of lost vital power. He saw his physical power go from him as the result of insidious disease, until he was reduced to a condition of senility, and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

Like many others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weaknesses peculiar to men, and it was this experience that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit.

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and the wisest men in both England and America were firm believers in it, and Goveraccord, but he had also these instructions from Around About Salem. "If any of the savages pretend right of inheritance to all or any part of the lands granted in our Patent, we pray you endeavour to purchase their title, that we may avoid the least scruple of intrusion."

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Had all the newcomers to America pursued this fair and just policy many a fearful massacre might have been averted, and many a blot on the roll of our country's history would be oblighted.

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In June of the year 1629 the population of Salem, or Naumkeag, was more than doubled by the arrival of four Non-conformist ministers and more than two hundred immigrants, but later about one hundred left Salem and founded Charlestown, now one of the largest suburbs of Boston. Soon after the arrival of the ministers referred to the first church was organized of Boston. Soon after the arrival of the ministers referred to the first church was organized and the Rev. Samuel Skelton was made pastor, while the Rev. Francis Higginson was made teacher or assistant pastor, for it was for a long time customary to elect with the pastor a teacher or assistant pastor. Governor Bradford came from Plymouth to assist at the installation of Mr. Skelton, and thirty persons signed the covenant of the First Church of Salem. This may be regarded as one of the most important events in the religious development of our country.

called to the duty of listening to the sermon by having the fox's tail tickle their faces. No matter how many hours long the sermon may have been it was expected that even the small boys and girls should give close attention to it. In 1634 there came to Salem that remarkable man, Roger Williams, afterward the founder of Rhode Island. It was Roger Williams who aroused the antagonism of the authorities and of even the ministers by declaring that 'no human power has the right to intermeddle in matters of conscience and that neither church nor state, neither bishop nor king, may prescribe the smallest iota of religious faith. Man is responsible to God alone." He tried to impress upon his hearers a sense of this responsibility to God, and he left a never-to-be-forgotten impression on the religious history of our country. After the death of Mr. Higginson Roger Williams became minister of the First Church in Salem. He remained pastor of the church until he was banished from Salem by the General Court because of his outspoken utterances regarding the authority of the magischurch until he was banished from Salem by the General Court because of his outspoken utterances regarding the authority of the magistrates. One may still see in Salem the dwelling house of Roger Williams, but only the inner timbers belong to the original house which is known as the Witch House, because there lived in it during the time of the witchcraft delusion Judge Corwin, before whom some of the supposed witches were tried in this house.

No lover of the good name of his country can

No lover of the good name of his country can recall the great witchcraft delusion without a feeling of sorrow and shame that such scenes could have been enacted in our country as were enacted in Salem. But superstition ran rampant in both the Old and New England at that time, and some strange and evil power, seemed pant in both the Old and New England at that time, and some strange and evil power seemed to have taken possession of the imagination of even the best and wisest men in both countries. No one can doubt that the people of those days were sincere in their belief in witchcraft, but this fact does not lessen our regret, nor did it lessen the sufferings of the nineteen persons hanged on Gallows Hill because they were supposed to be witches. It should be remembered, however, that Blackstone, Matthew Hale, Baccon and other of the most prominent legal authorities had declared that witchcraft was a real thing and they had given decisions against those accused of it. The best known ministers

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lem being an abbreviation of Jerusalem and its meaning "peace", but one has only to recall its fearful witchcraft days to know that Salem has not always been a place of peace. It has known as much of unrest as any other New England town, but its aspect today is one of peace and

town, but its aspect today is one of peace and prosperity.

The history of the old town of Salem dates back to the year 1626, when one Roger Conant and a few English farmers and fishermen came up from the dreary Cape Ann region to "view the land" and perhaps begin a new settlement if their discoveries warranted them in doing so. These exploring wayfarers found that the Indians called the tract of land on which Salem stands and the surrounding country Naumstands and the surrounding country Naum-keag. Two years later there came to Naumkeag the noted Captain John Endicott with about one hundred followers and a charter from the English company that laid claim to the terri-English company that laid claim to the terri-tory. Endicett had been appointed governor, and from that day to this the Endicotts of Sa-lem have been one of the best known of American families.

ican families.

Within less than a year there had been "a faire house newly built for the governor," and a number of other rough but comfortable houses had been built, for the governor was a man of energy and his followers were industrious and ambitious men and deeply pious withal. The founders of the town were eager that it should be a goodly place, and there was not among all the Puritans then in America a man of more serious and genuine religious. not among all the Puritans then in America a man of more serious and genuine religious principles than Governor John Endicott. He had the full sympathy of the English company in his efforts to give a deeply religious tone to the community, as we may know from the fact that the directors of the company sent him the following instructions regarding the proper observance of the Sabbath:

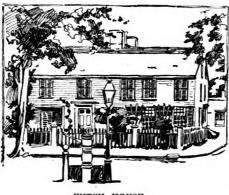
"To the end the Sabbath may be celebrated in a religious manner, we appoint that all that

"To the end the Sabbath may be celebrated in a religious manner, we appoint that all that may inhabit the Plantation, both for the general and the particular employments, may surcease their labour every Saturday throughout the year at 3 o'c in the afternoon, and that they spend the rest of that day in catechising and preparing for the Sabbath as the ministers shall direct."

We are glad to make record of the fact that

We are glad to make record of the fact that these first settlers of the town were entirely just and honest in their dealings with the Indians. It is certain that a man of John Endiend of the constable going around during the sermon with a long pole from the end of which there dangled the tail of a fox. Cott's character would have been so of his own We are glad to make record of the fact that

A meeting house was built in 1634. It was a shabby little building of logs with a thatched roof and a stone chimney, but it gave the Puri-



WITCH HOUSE.

tans who built it more joy than they could find in any of the grand churches they had left in their native land because they found "freedom to worship God" in their own way and according to the dictates of their own hearts in the little log house in their new home. The meeting house was but seventeen by twenty feet in size, but it had a little gallery to increase its seating capacity. If you were to visit Salem you could there see the solid oaken timbers of the inner part of this little church within a more modern outside covering. This is one of the most highly treasured of the ancient landmarks of Salem.

In this church might have been seen the sing-



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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Welcome February! Dear to the heart every loyal American as the birth month of the "Father of His Country" and doubly dear this year because we ust (December 12, 1900) celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the removal of the seat of Government from Philadelphia to the new city, then just laid out for the express purpose of a capital for the United States and called by the immortal name of the man who was then and is still "First in the hearts of his countrymen". George Washington.

To realize how that city has developed in the single century which has elapsed since its inception one has only to read of the state of Pennsylvania Avenue in those days-a mere bog with no sidewalks and no drainage, with cows, horses, pigs and chickens turned loose upon it, and then contrast it with the beautiful city of today with its broad, chalt, tree-shaded avenues, its stately buildings and its magnificent parks. Surely we have every reason to be proud of our growth as a nation, for the improvement here is only in step with the onward strides of the whole country.

Our first letter today is on Oregon fish and fishing, and the author says:
"In that beautiful poem, 'Thanatopsis', Bryant, the author, said,

'Or lose thyself in the continuous woods Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound Save his own dashings—'

These are beautiful words in a beautiful poem, t could the Columbia river, which he calls the



TROUT FISHING IN OREGON.

Oregon, hear today, it would hear something more than its 'own dashings'. It would hear not only the shrieks of steamboats and locomotives and the general din of civilization, but also the constant dip! dip! dip! of many fishwheels, revolving downstream, and turned by its swiftly flowing current. These wheels remind one of whirling fluttermills placed in creeks by small boys. They are each strongly hung at the end of a large flat-boat, and revolve on a sort of double spindle like the wheel of a wheelbarrow. Imagine three of the ordinary tops of covered buggies arranged an equal distance apart, in circular formation, and revolving on a double spindle, so that the downward current of the water strikes the back of each cover, taking it under and up again, and you have a pretty good ides of what a fishwheel looks like in action. Of course wire netting is used instead of the oilcoth of the buggy cover, and as the salmon come up the stream and the wheel turns down tream, they run unconsciously into these revolving baskets, and are whirled up in a half circle and

dropped into a trough, down which they slide into a hollowed part of the boat.

"Columbia river salmon are the finest in the world, and thousands of dollars' worth are taken yearly in this way. An equal or perhaps a greater number are dragged out with seines; but one of the easiest and best methods of taking salmon is with a gill net. A net probably a hundred feet long and some ten or twelve feet deep is knitted and set in the water, floated by wooden corks, and having a lead line to hold it stiff in the water. As the salmon come up stream they run their heads into the meshes of these nets, and are like spears thrown into soft wood. The spear will penetrate all right, but in pulling it out the barbs catch, and extrication is difficult. So with the salmon. If he attempts to back out his gills spread and hold him fast. He cannot go forward for his body grows larger from the head back to the middle fin. When a salmon gets into one of these nets, the corks directly over him on the surface of the water will droop lower than the others, and an experienced fisherman can often count his fish by the number of drooping corks.

"Trout fishing in Oregon is the finest sport imaginable. Take your bamboo fishing rod, flybook, and a general equipment, and go back where a blue stream comes laughing out of the mountains, and if you are any kind of a fisherman whatever you will soon be in a sort of private dreamland. Drop a fly hook on the water and turn somersaults, and the hook will quickly go under in a hungry mouth. Pull that one out and drop him struggling into your basket, then repeat the cast, and if luck does not desert you your basket will soon grow burdensome with its weight of speckled beauties.

"Rudyard Kipling gives in his American Notes a vivid description of a day's fishing which he had on the Clackamas, a beautiful little Oregon stream, in which he gives his opinion that as a sport the world offers no better."

Geo. Jones, Roseburg, Oregon.

I think all lovers of boys-certainly all who wish to see them develop into good, honorable menwill be interested in the following letter.



JUNIOR REPUBLIC DOLLAR

"At Annapolis Junction, about half way between Washington and Baltimore, has been established a branch of the well-known Boys' Republic of Freeville, New York. Upon our visit there, last spring, we were met at the station by Mr. Rogers, the superintendent, who had brought conveyances to take us to the farm where the Republic has its home. After a ride of about twenty minutes through country roads bordered with broad stretches of fields and shady woods, the carriage drove up before the farmhouse. It was a low, old-fashioned building, shaded in front with magilicent oak trees; all around, to an extent of fifty acres, stretched the farm lands, now breen with newly sprouted vegetation, now brown where it was freshly plowed. To the east of the house we could see a young peach orchard, which, Mr. Rogers said, had been newly planted by the boys. "The idea of the Republic seems to be to make the boys into good citizens by taking them away from city temptations, giving them plenty of health-giving outdoor work, teaching them independence by requiring that they work for what they have, and, finally, teaching them their country's laws and government by having them form themselves into a republic modelled on our own. So far, both here and in Freeville, the plan has worked with wonderful success.

"At the time of my visit twenty boys were living here. They came from Washington and Baltimore and are children whose parents are either unable or unfit to give them proper care and training. Sometimes they are truants from school or have been up once in the Police Court for a petty offence: but the Republic is in no sense a reformatory. When a boy enters the Republic, regular work is assigned to him, for which he is paid at the rate of ten cents an hour. The work consists of some hoeing, weeding, some housework and, in fact, all the lighter farm work, the heavier part being done of necessity by grown men. From two to three hours of each day are spent in the schoolroom and for this time it has been found necessary to pay the boys.

mistaken, one fifth of those awarded under the Maryland laws. On the whole, the theory and practice of the Boys' Republic seem eminently calculated to turn out intelligent and self-respecting citizens of the larger Republic."

ALICE PIERSON, Washington, D. C. From Michigan to Mexico is a long step, and

from a mint farm to a Mexican Cathedral and the scene of Mexican bull-fights is a decided change in the program.

"Just across the Rio Grande from El Paso and connected with it by the international bridge is Juarez, the city of adobe. One beautiful day while attending the Chautauqua at El Paso, I took the street car to visit Juarez. The cars are propelled by lazy mules and driven by uncleanly looking Mavicany.

"The boundary river of our Lone Star state I had "The boundary river of our Lone Star state I had supposed to be a very large stream, but to my surprise I found it to be but a paltry little rivulet over which one could step. It is true that four days before it had been a foaming torrent reaching from bank to bank, but the tillers of the soil soon made use of its waters, as irrigation is necessary to obtain any produce.

"Juarez is a small, unattractive city if one is but (CONTINUED ON PAGE 20.)

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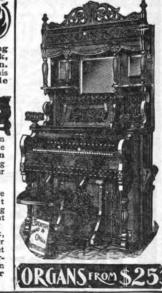
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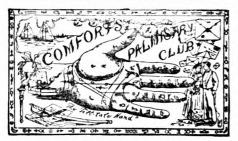
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for readings unless the sender has fully complied with the above conditions.

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Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

HAVE a long list of questions to answer this month which I will proceed to do Does a star on the end of a head line always signify hereditary insanity? Supposing the head line in the right hand ends thus on the Mount of the Moon, while on the left is found a square enclosing the star, crossing the head-line and resting on the life-line? No. The star on the head-line does not always signify insanity but signifies some trouble or grief connected with the head, unless counteracted by some other signs in the head, such as the square enclosing the star spoken of. Of course all bad signs are modified by the appearance of good ones in the hands and the reader must use his judgment in regard to them.

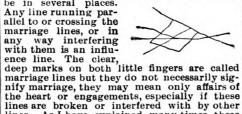
regard to them.

What does a double life-line in the left hand signify with only one in the right hand and

gives strength and vigor to the constitution. The fork from the life line in the right hand to the Mount of Jupiter always signifies good fortune and gratified ambition.

Where is the influence line you speak of in connection with the marriage lines? It may be in several places.

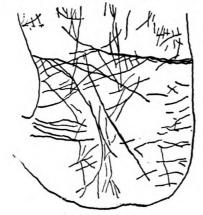
be in several places.



nify marriage, they may mean only affairs of the heart or engagements, especially if these lines are broken or interfered with by other lines. As I have explained many times, these must be corroborated by marriage lines on the fate line or life line. Suppose the fate line starts from the rascette and has a break after it reaches the head line extending dimly through the heart line through three squares and then has a fine fork; but at the place it broke after crossing the head line

three squares and then has a fine fork; but at the place it broke after crossing the head line rises clear and distinct up to the base of the second finger? The three squares which ap-pear at the break of the head line or just above it offset the bad effects of the break, but if the fate line starts up again clear and distinct to the base of the second finger that gives excel-lent luck and brings good fortune to the sub-ject.

The same correspondent asks about the cor-The same correspondent asks about the corresponding marriage line if they are to be looked for under the second finger or where. They are to be looked for on any part of the fate or the life lines, if they appear at the upper part of the life lines or the lower part of the fate lines they affect the early age of the sub-



"NORA C."

ject and so with these lines elsewhere, the age ject and so with these lines elsewhere, the age being indicated by position of these little lines, following close along by the side of the principal lines, fate or life. Lines crossing the principal lines are not marriage lines, and the marriage lines must appear in both hands.

What are the names of the lines extending disgonally across the hand one starting a little

diagonally across the hand, one starting a little below the center of the plain of Mars joined to the fate line and forked at the end, crossing that having a fork extending high on the the fate line and forked at the end, crossing Mount of Jupiter? A double life line always the head line and the other starting a little low-

er, joined to the life line and crossing the fate? qualities. er, joined to the life line and crossing the faic? I cannot tell without seeing the hand or a reproduction of it. They may be branches of the fate or life lines, or they may be merely chance lines and their reading would depend a great deal upon the other marks on the hand. They are just as likely to be good lines as bad ones, but they have no names. The black spot on any line is always a bad sign.

any line is always a Dau sign.

The next correspondent seems to have confused the marriage lines with the heart lines. They are not at all the same thing. Crosses on the heart line such as she has indicated, if they appear on the Mount of Jupiter denote a happy marriage. The ones at the bottom of the life line denote a changing position.



from the life line near the beginning and growing gradually away from it indicates a close friendship or probably marriage which gradually goes away from the subject and where subject and where ending with the parallel lines as in this case would in-

dicate that the friendship or marriage was end-ed by death. The island on the line of heart would mean a love affair late in life.

ed by death. The island on the line of heart would mean a love affair late in life.

Another reader writes to ask if I could give lessons by mail and at what price. I have had several such inquiries but have already repeatedly stated in this column that I could not undertake anything of this kind. The best way to learn Palmistry is to study under some competent teacher and practice on the actual hand. If this cannot be done I should advise the purchasing of Cheiro's Book of the Hand, and after that is thoroughly learned to send for Heron-Allen's Manuel of Cheirosophy. The study of these two books with the requisite amount of practice in reading hands, will make any one a good palmist, although some will have a natural gift at it which others will lack.

"Nora C." asks several questions connected with the palms which she encloses. First what lines or significations determine the profession for which a person is best adapted? First examine the hand as to its shape and quality. A hand with conical finger-tips whose mounts and lines show a great deal of idealism and artistic tendency will make an artist, or if the Mount of Venus is highly developed, a musician. Study the books to learn these different significations, indicated by the shape of the hand. The lines are considered afterwards in a general reading.

What is signified when the life and head line goes on and divides under the Mount of Saturn, one branch going to the Mount of Mars,

line goes on and divides under the Mount of Saturn, one branch going to the Mount of Mars, and other towards the wrist? These lines in left hand are not connected.

The mingling of the head and life lines, as in this hand, means that this life has been very much kept in the background and that the subject has not had the courage and encourage-ment which she ought to have had. She lacks self-confidence, is naturally bashful and will never be a reader unless she overcomes these

"Constant reader" asks what does a short line mean midway between the heart and head line? and then again when the short line has an island on it? This is a chance line, and should be read according to the lines of the other parts of the hand. It may mean a voyage, G it parts of the hand. It may mean a voyage, Oit may mean an affair of the heart. An island; always one of two things. Heron-Allen say: "it is either the mark of something disgraceful, or else it betrays an hereditary evil. It is the more an hereditary weakness of the head, or on the line of heart it betrays an hereditary heart disease," and so on.

As for the disgraceful indication of the island, it should be taken to mean more properly that

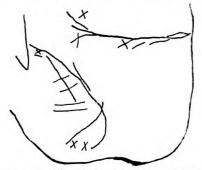
it should be taken to mean more properly that the chance, i. e., the temptation, will occur; but a long line of head and a strong phalanx of will on the thumb will always annul the most

evilly-disposed island.
On the line of heart it means in a good hand

On the line of head, if it occurs on the Plain of Mars, it shows a murderous tendency; if beyond the Plain of Mars, it betrays evil thoughts. On a good hand it will merely indicate hereditary head weakness.

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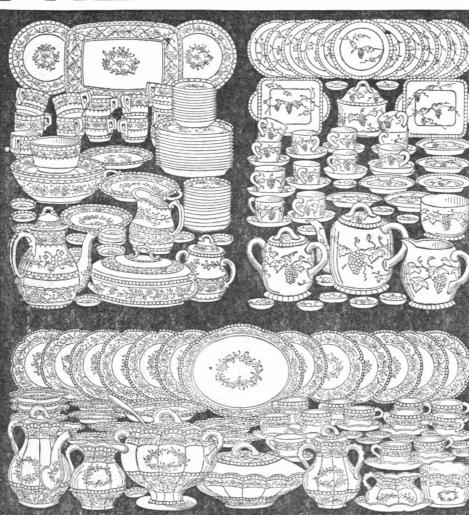


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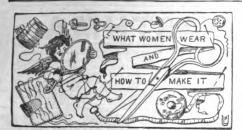
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OLD is the finish used upon all gowns no matter what wear matter what we are they are intended for be it a filmy evening frock or a severe tail-or made, even the separate waists show an elaborate glinting and glistening of gold and most won-derful, it seems to harmonize with all sorts of material. Apropos of gold trimming, I saw an exquisite separate waist made of ivory white Liberty satin laid in the tiniest of tucks each laid in opposite directions so as to give the idea of box-pleats stitched

box-pleats stitched along the edges. The front is pouched considerably and the back drawn down simply. Three empiecements of finest rose-bud point lace are used as the decoration, one in the center, reaching from the throat to the bust and one on each shoulder. French knots of gold are introduced in the pattern of the lace, while a row of gold braid outlines the edges. Tiny gold buttons are used to close the front, and to decorate the loose cuffs of the sleeves which are tucked also.

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The widest sort of material is required for

The widest sort of material is required for the newest skirt model, as it has but two seams, one at the front, and one at the back, with a narrow fitted flounce running across the front, from side to side when it vanishes into nothing. This is called the seamless skirt and is the very latest cry.

Returning to the subject of gold trimmings, the manufacturers have produced marvelous things in woven gold gauzes fit to adorn the fairies. For evening dresses these materials of gold mixed with tulle or chiffon and covered with applications of Chantilly laces are the height of fashion. As transparencies over a ground of silk, and veiled with black or white mousseline de soie, they are remarkably effective. Muslins for the coming season are also showing stripes of patterns in gold thread.

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I have seen some lovely toques. The upper part of one was made of an enormous rose of gold muslin, set upon a frame of draped tulle, the turned up side of the toque showing a black feather and a white feather, drooping over the hair.



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Taffeta dresses are all the rage. The skirts are trimmed round the bottom with several rows of velvet ribbon of different widths, the style of our grandmothers, and the corsages are ornamented with muslins, lace and embroider-

style of our grandmothers, and the corsages are ornamented with muslins, lace and embroider-les. Short sleeves, in the Louis XVI. style, with "jabots" of lace and muslin stopping at the elbow, are worn with these toilettes, and the general effect is completed by a charming hat in the same style, made of tulle embroidered with gold and lace and having a wreath of roses and a feather drooping over the hair.

A picturesque spring hat is of sky blue chenille, having a wreath of panne violets and a trimming of black velvet.

A charming dinner gown for a half-mourning outfit is of white Liberty silk with the entire skirt trimmed with applications of black lace, surrounding clusters of violet blossoms sewed closely to the skirt. Over the whole is a sprink-ling of lusterless jets. The corsage is covered with the same design, and pouches in front to give the long-waisted effect. The violets that finish the decolletage are loosened to hang a trifle from the stems and are mixed with a rope of violet and white mousseline de soie twisted softly about the top of the corsage. The close elbow sleeves are covered with the embroidery of black lace and appliqued violets, and are oddly finished at the bottom by a loosely twist-

ed rope of the mousseline de soie, with a loose bunch of the violets hanging at the outside of the arm. Although the foundation of this gown is white, the effect is black and violet. There is always a question as to how to finish a chemisette for a jacket suit. Exceedingly high or elaborate neck effects are not well regarded for spring wear and, of course, a plain choker, with no ornamention at all, is equally out of the question. A pretty idea is a chemisette of tucked white satin with a high turnover collar, what is called the Directoire collar of the same stuff. The collar may be effectively edged with a narrow line of black velvet. A pretty sleeve to a short jacket has the cloth

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A pretty sleeve to a short jacket has the cloth forming the bell sleeve to just below the elbow. This is met by a double puff of velvet in same color. The jacket is short in front, showing a girdle of velvet laid in several flat pleats. It closes in a diagonal line across the breast, with clusters of small buttons, and is provided with small revers. An odd feature of the gown is a straight fold of cloth making the belt under the loose pleats that form the girdle. The skirt is the model mentioned here, and is circular in form; though of course, much more bouffant at form; though of course, much more bouffant at

the hem than the old style

circular skirts. There are so many devices by which one may use the bolero in a disbolero in a disguised for m.
The blouse bodice, a garment with jacket sides but which tucks into a belt is an accepted model and is susceptible of many variations.
Among these Among these is some form of the bolero. A dear little jacket cuts off under the arms to show an un-der blouse, and has trio tabs coming down in front that tuck into the belt. It may fasten across the bust in

the bust in jacket style and be trimmed with collar and revers. With a cloth suit the under flounce may be of silk, but is very effectively built of panne velvet, the beautiful Persian designs being especially rich.

A charming idea for a stock is now one of medium height, the style now effected by chic women, made of cloth of gold laid in folds to fit the neck and embroidered with the wearer's favorite flower. A narrow border of velvet cor-

fit the neck and embroidered with the wearer's favorite flower. A narrow border of velvet corresponding to the colors employed in the embroidery is used as a finish at the top.

L'Aiglon's popularity is as evident in the floral fashions as in dress. No bouquet of voilets, whether for street or evening wear is considered quite complete unless tied with a Royal purple velvet ribbon tipped with gold spikes, the sort that figures so conspicuously in Rostand's play.

Pinked out frills of taffeta are set crisply as a trimming for cloth gowns of light weights,—and give one the impression of a freshly pluck.

and give one the impression of a freshly plucked flower, they are so feathery in appearance. Fancy a frock of sheer white organdic trimmed with frills of white glace taffeta with pinked

edges.
The fashionable outline shows the hats low The fashionable outline shows the hats low and broad, hair not at all remarkable, but soft and full with a slight tendency toward the nape, shoulders broadened, perfectly flat back, waists small, busts well thrown out, and the figure drawn in well below. Hips are small, line of drapery long—flowing. Gloves and shoes easy of fit, willowy poses, gliding movements in walking. Altogether a most pleasing whole.

whole.

A feather boa is a most charming adjunct to the toilette and really seems to possess the faculty of making a faded face more youthful and of adding real beauty to a plain face. Harsh outlines are softened, scraggy necks and yellow throats hidden, complexions heightened and an undeniable air of ed, eyes brightened, and an undeniable air of gracefulness added to the ensemble by

the soft, curved masses of feathers. For practical pur-poses the collar is of finest white linen, daintly hemstitch-

Flowers are being used to a large extent on up-to-date millinery. Roses with leaves of ermine dead shades are popular, while en-tire toques are made of violets.

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This is the month that sees the exodus from the cities of the idle and wealthy class who are said "to chase summer." Our southern mounthat the nation should pause a moment on the tains and seaboard are alive with pleasure seekers during the month when our northern climate is most severe.

The peculiar relation that the Supreme Court bears to our government is admired by foreigners and students of government as soon as it is understood. It is unique in the history of governments. By the Constitution, the Supreme Court decides all questions of federal law that involve the expressed or delegated powers of Congress and the implied powers. It is the final tribunal for the interpretation and application of the Constitution and by means of this peculiar power the Supreme Court occupies a throughout the country. Roads are an index position unlike that of any other court of the to this power anew by the recent decision as to the laws of commerce or the tariff duties between the Philippines, Porto Rico and the United States. If these laws were declared our country leads the world in the extent and constitutional it demonstrated the theory that the Constitution followed the flag and that land held by the United States must be considered as territory possessing the inherent power to become states. No decision since the Dred Scot decision has been as far-reaching in its possible results as this present one.

Detroit seems to be having an enjoyable time on the question of standard or sun time. It life such a plan commends itself warmly. The was a surprise to find that any place in the country had not yet adopted the "standard This later demand for material help towards time" put into effect many years ago. This plan divided the United States into four great belts and arranged for an hour's difference in time between each belt. It was universally adopted and simplified railroad time tables and business engagements in general. Detroit is in central time but it still kept the "sun time" so that when Chicago and other cities said 12 M., improvements met with bitter opposition. In Detroit said 12.28. Then the council changed 1808, Gallatin suggested a great system of to standard time. Confusion worse confound- public improvements which were to include a ed ensued. Then the city fathers ordered the system of public roads running from Maine to clocks turned forward again. More confusion! Georgia and thence to New Orleans and San By this time the whole country had aroused to Francisco. Up to 1812 over \$200,000 had been exthe fact that whether it was standard time or pended by the United States on the Cumberland sun time there was a "hot time in the old town." There is a celebrated chapter in the Bible that states that there is a time to laugh and a time to weep, and incidentally names a time for most of the duties and pleasures of life but it is silent as to the fixing of time. Detroit can proudly claim that Me and the Sun keep proper time and that the rest of the earth may cling to any old time.

Saint Valentine is the only saint in the calendar whose day is universally recognized. All ages, all colors and all religions bow at some time at his shrine. Religions may change in details but the underlying principle of all that endures in them is love. Good St. Valentine long ago selected February as his month and his day has been faithfully observed ever since. Legends, traditions and folklore have gathered around its observance. The old idea of a valentine called for an original verse from the worshippers at the shrine. What wretched doggerel has been raised to the dignity of the most exquisite verse because it was read through the rose color of the "light that never was on land or sea." The extravagant ways of the age show | freight for short distances. In such a case the

St. Valentine feelings. Verses written on laced paper, with fat hearts and arrows, darts, cupids and true lover's knots belong to the century that is gone. The pictured heart has given place to one of gold, the pictured flowers to violets at four cents apiece. The modern expensive tribute can say no more than the old style valentine. The pessimistic carper may claim that it says less and that true sentiment is outgrown with the old simplicity of expression. St. Valentine is the patron saint of love and when that sentiment ceases to exist human nature and even divine nature will be

February is the birth month of two great Americans—Washington and Lincoln. The question has sometimes been asked, "Who is the greatest American?" The argument has often been advanced that Benjamin Franklin in his three-fold duties of statesman, man of letters and man of science, might properly be considered in an all-around sense as the greatest American. The American people have answered by national and state legislation. They have called Americans young and old to observe the birthday of two men, Washington the creator and Lincoln the preserver of the Union. These men may be considered as the two absolutely indispensable figures in the drama of history. Each brought qualities that were a distinctive part of his own personality, and these qualities were the ones that compelled success. No greater contrast could be found than that presented by the general characteristics, education and environment of the two men. Washington of aristocratic birth, trained in the surroundings and society of the oldest civilization that America could boast and Lincoln, the descendant of the "poor white" element with the crude life of the frontier as a preparation -- no greater contrast could be presented. In the dark and troublous times that each man faced the characteristic that distinguished him among his fellowmen was an infinite patience and an unfaltering faith in the ultimate result of the struggle. It is fitting natal day of these two great men and review the simplicity, sincerity and patience that meant more in the end than all other qualities however brilliant. The lessons to be drawn from the characters of the men themselves is no less vital than an appreciation of the achievements of their lives.

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N these days when the bicycle has been utilized for everything under the sun, we are surprised at nothing. The automobile is a combination of the bicycle idea with the use of electricity, so that recent advances made in automobiles comes in our line. As is well known, the question of the use of automobiles in military operations is one which now occupies the mind of all military authorities. To France must be given the credit of having first taken up the matter seriously, and for having brought it within the range of practice. The good work done in the maneuvers was the result of years of experimenting and therefore it was possible to em-



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ploy several kinds of automobiles, each one well adapted to the use to which it was put.

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1—For carrying passengers.

2—For the transportation of light material.

3—Traction automobiles for the conveyance of heavy material.

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the dynamo. This dynamo operates a projector, which is formed of an arc lamp with horizontal carbons and a crystal mirror of parabolic form. The stand and support of the projector are of aluminum, for the sake of lightness,
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possible to operate the projector at some distance from the auto. A table with indicating
instruments is stowed in front of the auto.
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In London, where every foot of space is very valuable, owners of motor vehicles who "mote" into town to their offices have extreme difficulty in finding suitable stabling places for their rigs, except at enormously high rates.

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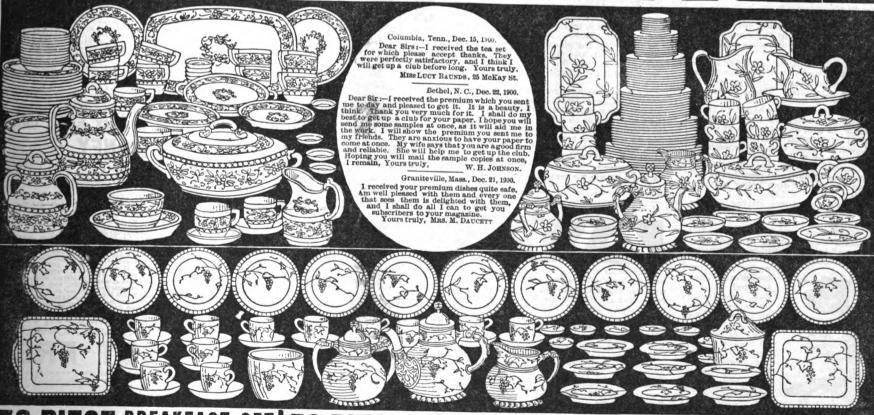
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breeding The of these rabbits is in its infancy in this country. Until very recently little attention has been paid to it in the Eastern States, and though more extensive interest has been displayed in the West there has been scarcely a beginning even there.

New England seems to take the lead in the East, but the demand in New York and Philadelphic is steadily increasing.

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While it is only within the last fifteen years that Belgian hares have been introduced into this country, they have been raised extensively in Europe for half a century.

The exact origin of this breed is very much in doubt, if not entirely unknown. The theory has been advanced that they are the development of a cross between a rabbit and a hare, but this is undoubtedly traditional. It is far more probable that they are the result of a cross between two varieties of rabbits, black and white and red, or black and red, a purely artificial type of rabbits from which years of experimental breeding have stolen their most characteristic points.

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They were first introduced into England from characteristic points.

They were first introduced into England from Belgium, France and the Netherlands, as an article of food, and it is estimated that England alone consumes between two and three million dollars worth of Belgian hare meat per annum.

English breeders confine themselves almost entirely to the raising of fancy stock, this line being more profitable, although greater capital is required. Prices range from \$10 to \$150 per head, according to the pedigrees and points considered and scored upon in the show ring. Some of these are undesir a ble in the food animal, where weight is sought after at the expense of symmetry.

The regulation score card runs as follows:
Color, 20
Ticking, 15

Color, Ticking Symmetry, Ears, Eyes, 20 10 10 Legs and feet, Size

Size, 5
Condition, 5
Neck, 5
and an animal which reaches 94
or 95 brings a good price.

After a visit to one of the firstclass rabbitries, one can readily

one can readily understand the rapid growth of interest in this industry, for there is something very attractive, even to the novice, about the general contour and appearance of a thoroughly well-bred

Belgian hare.

On entering a well kept rabbitry one is immediately impressed by its absolute cleanliness, for it is most essential that scrupulous care be exercised in this particular. The rabbits are kept in small cages or hutches, the size being about four by five feet and perhaps two and a half feet in height. These are arranged in tiers around the sides, as well as in the center of the room, separated by wooden partitions or wire netting, and each contains but one specimen, except in the case of a doe and her litter, for a well pedigreed Belgian insists on being sole monarch of his domain and resents the entrance of all intruders, the does being particularly autocratic.

larly autocratic.

One sees the little creatures sitting here in state, gazing complacently out of their large brown eyes, receiving in the most dignified manner the admiration which they never fail manner the admiration which they have to excite, occasionally hopping around their small quarters and taking a nibble at a portion of the pine partitions of the cage, or the remains of a former meal. They

are fed twice a day, principally on oats and hay, and require plenty of clear, fresh water. These hares are

properly speak-ing, rabbits, and the confusion the confusion has arisen owing to the Belgian words for hare and rabbit being identical. They resemble the English hare in size and shape and are much larger than an larger than an ordinary rabbit, a full grown Belgian weighing from seven to nine pounds Their bodies

are long and rangey, their fore CORRECT WAY TO HOLD. legs straight and

slender and their sars long and slim. In some of the imported rabbits there is an entire absence of the dewlap, while the best domestic varieties show a moderate development of this feature. Their color is of a soft rich roan or "rufous red," the shade

being influenced by the ticking, or black hairs which are irregularly interspersed among the

The litters average about seven. The young are born with closed eyes and without hair. The eyes do not open until the growth of fur is well started; generally about ten days after birth. They are kept housed in New England climate the year round, being susceptible to dampness, though not seriously affected by cold.

cold. So many generations of these animals have So many generations of these animals have been bred in captivity that they have lost the original faculty which their wild ancestors possessed of providing for themselves, and were they now turned adrift, the quantity of green food which they would greedily devour would prove most disastrous to them, and they would succumb also to the vicissitudes of the weather and the changes of climate.

They will stand considerable handling if done in the proper manner, but as they are too heavy to be taken up by the ears alone, the skin immediately back of the ears must be grasped as well.

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They make most admirable pets, generally gentle and only remonstrating at the familiarity of being touched under the chin, which mark of delicacy we cannot but respect in dealing with these aristocratic little creatures.

Aside from the profit and satisfaction derived from raising Belgians for exhibition and prize winning purposes, there is no doubt that there has been opened to the public a new industry which will prove a source of revenue to those who enter it. In Los Angeles alone last year, eight thousand pounds of Belgian hare meat was marketed. In addition to the meat the fur and skins are of value, the former for hat making and all other purposes for which a cheaper ing and all other purposes for which a cheaper grade of fur is required. The skin is used much more extensively than is generally known n glove making, it being thin, tough, and easily cured.

It must be remembered that all who enter this field in this country now are pioneers; a distinctly American type of Belgians, though desirable, being as yet undeveloped. As the interest grows, there should be no difficulty in disposing of the increase in stock at good prices, a ready market for the young, even of inferior pedigree, being assured. Little space is required, although care and cleanliness are essential. Any place suitable for poultry, if clean and dry, is all that is necessary. The hutches can be easily made and the food is inexpensive. The first cost depends wholly upon the quality of the stock purchased. A trio, consisting of a buck and two does, can be bought for from \$25.00 to \$100.00. This is the unit, and as the does breed every sixty days, and the young commence to breed very early, a well stocked rabbitry should be the result in a short time. It is necessary, however, to beware of too much inbredling, the same rules applying here as in the rationg of poultry.

Several papers and magazines are now published in the interest of this sport or industry alone, and those who are considering the question can without difficulty become acquainted with all the details requisite for success.

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After all it is very questionable if the Belgian hare industry is not a thing to be deplored. The experience of Australia with rabbits has shown them to be an unqualified curse to the country. Some twenty or thirty years ago a few pet rabbits were taken out by English settlers to the colonies and let loose. Their fecundity is so remarkable that they multiplied in a way that soon caused the farmers to seek government aid to exterminate them. Notwithstanding every effort, and huge rewards offered, they have increased and millions of pounds value in products have been ruined by them.

Already the rabbit nuisance is causing the

Already the rabbit nuisance is causing the greatest apprehension in California, where the raising of them was first asserted. They not only destroy the growing vegetable gardens but are particularly fond of the young bark on but are particularly fond of the young bark on small fruit trees and vines. A protest has gone up all over the state against the pest. What is true of California is true everywhere that they have been introduced. Reliable information goes to show that the pleasure of raising them quickly wears out, and that the meat is insipid in taste and does not find a ready market in any section and in most places is practically unsalable.

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Recognizing that by careful work in the press the promoters have given this industry wide-spread notoriety, COMFORT has given its readers the above article to show what is claimed by its friends; but we do not endorse the project nor do we advise readers to enter into this scheme, which in the end will cause them disappointment and anxiety. unsalable.

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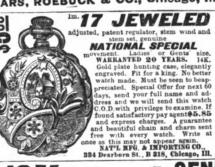
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the recipient lives (an old city directory will generally furnish one) and mount it smoothly on good straw board. Edge it with cord or bind it neatly with ribbon. Attach rings to the upper edge and pass them over a small brass rod; chain, cord or ribbon may be used to suspend the map. Now procure a number of small string tags and number them to correspond with the members of the fire alarm boxes in the city. Slip the string of each tag around a small pin and stick the pins in the map at the places indicated by the number of the box. The location of a fire can be readily determined by a glance at the map while its usefulness for other purposes is not impaired.

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J. A. Bee wishes to know the address of the makers of the perfumed waist hangers which we described and illustrated a few months ago. We saw them in a number of shop windows in Boston, Mass. They are so easily made that one can make several for the price asked for one, if bought outright.

For the baby of the family, make a ball by taking a small box containing a bell or marble; wind with yarn until it becomes a good sized ball; then with some colored yarn divide the



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ball into four or six parts, fastening at top and bottom. This done take some bright colored yarns and weave stripes around the ball, over and under the dividing threads; when this is done crochet a string from the top of the ball. This will amuse the child at small cost.

For the small boy make a pair of reins. Cut a piece of wiggin for the front piece 16x9 inches, then cut two flannel or felt pieces and on one of them embroider or fasten on a transfer pattern of a horse. Lay a piece of goods each side of the wiggin and bind the three pieces together; then at each end make a band or strap large enough to fasten around the child's waist. For the reins use single zephyr in bright colors and No. 12 needles. Cast on 14 stitches and in plain knitting make a length of three yards and fasten the reins just above the band that goes around the waist. Knit four strips each about three-eighths of a yard long and sew them to the corners to tie the pieces on with. Sew tiny bells to the lower edge of the piece. Any color flannel may be used.

The crocheted umbrella cape is very grace-

used.

The crocheted umbrella cape is very graceful and is quickly and easily made. It is a perfect circle in shape with the border full enough to fall in flutes. The cape may be



FOOTBALL PINCUSHION.

made of any color Shetland floss. Six to seven hanks of floss, a large cedar hook and medium-sized bone hook will be needed in making the cape. Use the bone hook for the first two rcws. Work very loosely. Make a chain of 6 and join in a ring.

First round.—Make 12 d. c. in the ring and join the last d. c. to the first one.

Second round.—Make 6 d. c. in space between every third and fourth d. c. to form shells; join as before. (There should be 24 d. c., or 4 shells, in this row.)

Third round.—Now take the cedar-hook; skip 3 d. c, below, and make 9 d. c. in space between third and fourth d. c. of 6 d. c. below, skip 3 d. c., repeat, and join the first and last shells by taking up the back stitch from next shell of 6 d. c. and making 1 s. c.; join the shells in every following row the same way. Fourth round.—In the third space of shell of 9 d. c. below make 6 d. c.; also make 6 d. c. in the sixth space of 9 d. c.; repeat and join the shells as before.

Fifth round.—Skip 3 d. c. make 6 d. c. in space between the third and fourth d. c. of 6 d. c. below; repeat and join with s. c.

Sixth round.—Work 9 d. c. in space between third and fourth d. c. repeat and join the shells with s. c. Now proceed as follows: Worl. 2 rows of 6 d. c. as before; 1 row of 9 d. c. as before; 3 rows of 6 d. c.; 1 row of 9 d. c.; 2 rows of 6 d. c.; 1 row of 9 d. c.; 5 rows of 6 d. c.; 1 row of 9 d. c.; 1 row of 9 d. c. If a larger shawl is desired more rows may be added.

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Our illustrations show a few of the new fancy articles shown in the city shops. The first is a case for shaving paper. Not a new idea, but gotten up very prettily, easily and inexpensively. It consists of a 7-inch square of heavy canvas, upon which is embroidered a bow knot in silk. Another square of the canvas is basted onto this piece, to cover the wrong side of the embroidery and the two are then bound together with a narrow satin ribbon. Several sheets of tissue paper, pinked on all the edges, and being cut enough larger than the canvas to show

canvas to show the pinking, are then fas-tened at the back of the canvas by means of a can vas by means of a ribbon put through one corner and fin-ishing with a bow and ends and one long loop for hang-ing purposes ing purposes.
They are made in all colors, this particular one being of violet; the canvas is in

PINCUSHION.

pale brown, but embroidery, ribbon and paper are of a pretty shade of violet.

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Something which is quite new in the decorative candy line is chocolate dominoes.

dominoes.

Mix one-half cup
pecan or walnut
meats finely chopped,
one-half cup finely
chopped figs, onefourth cup almond
paste, grated rind of
one-half orange and
orange juice to moistorange juice to moist-en. Dredge board with confectioners' with confectioners' sugar and knead mixture until well blended, adding more sugar as needed. Add one square melted chocolate. Roll into one-fourth Roll into one-fourth inch thickness, cut in shape of dom i-

noes, cover with melted chocolate and decorate with pieces of almonds.

FANCIES.

Mix one-fourth pound almond paste, two and one-half ounces confectioners' sugar and the whites of one and one-half eggs. When well blended add one ounce melted chocolate. Let stand a few minutes, shape in rings, cover with finely chopped pistachio nut meat and bake in a very slow oven.

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GLACED FRUITS.

Take the same proportions of sugar and water and boil the liquid until it comes to the crackling point. Test it by dropping a little into cold water. If it is brittle when cooled it is ready for the fruit. Take the kettle from the hot part of the stove, but set it where it will keep warm. Dip candied cherries, grapes, Brazil nuts or whatever nut or fruit you may fancy, into the syrup, and then put them on waxed paper to dry; when quite hard dip them a second time.

OPERA CARAMELS.

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One of the most successful home-made candies is the opera caramel, that somehow takes on a professional air, however it may be handled. Take three cups of granulated sugar and add to it a cup of cream, and a little less than a saltspoonful of cream of tartar. Boil this in a double boiler, and if it has no tendency to grain, it may be easily molded into a soft ball. Then flavor with vanilla or chocolate and str in chopped assorted nuts; when it gets sufficiently cool, roll out and cut into caramels. Grilled pecans are an agreeable sweet to serve at luncheon. Blanch the nuts and to one cup of sugar add one-half cup of water and boil for a few moments. Then drop in the nuts and leave them for about ten minutes. After removing from the fire stir the mixture until the syrup becomes thick and clings to the nuts. Spread to cool on a waxed paper.

Pistachio drops are another toothsome confection. They require one-half pound of nuts, one-half pound of flour, one-quarter pound of butter, one egg, one-quarter pound of confectioners' sugar and one-half teaspoon of baking powder. Rub the butter in the flour, add half of the sugar and all the baking powder, and mix to a stiff paste, using a little cold water and the yolk of the egg. Roll this paste out one-quarter inch in thickness and cut in small squares or oblongs. Next prepare the paste by blanching the nuts and cutting them in not too small pieces, stir in the white of the egg, well beaten, and the remainder of the sugar. Put this paste on the squares and bake in a rather hot oven until browned.

Pistachio balls are made of the blanched nuts, about 1-2 a pound, cut or broken in small pieces, stirred with a syrup made by boiling two cups of sugar with three-fourths of a cup of cold water, until it threads, or can be drawn out in fine bits. The nuts are put in after the syrup is cold: stir the nuts and syrup until it

two cups of sugar with three-fourths of a cup of cold water, until it threads, or can be drawn out in fine bits. The nuts are put in after the syrup is cold; stir the nuts and syrup until it creams, a little vanilla being added. Knead this mixture on a marble slab or a large dish as you would bread, then mold into balls, and the confection is ready to serve.

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VANILLA CARAMELS.

Two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of rich cream, three-fourths cup of glucose, two teaspoons of vanilla. Glucose is not used for adulteration, but will make them "chewy" as confectioners' caramels are. Put all the ingredients in an enamel saucepan (except the vanilla) over a quick fire, stir constantly to prevent curdling, boil until a little dropped in water will make "hard ball"; it must not be brittle. When cooked to the proper consistency add the flavoring, pour into a buttered pan, having it pour one-half to three-fourths inch in thickness. Leave until cold, then turn out on a marble slab or board, cut in squares with a sharp "buttered" knife. They should not stand where it is at all damp or cool. Wrap in wax paper.

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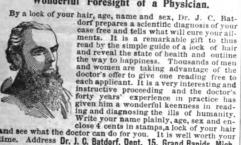
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Two and one-half cups brown sugar; one-half cup milk or cream; one-fourth cup butter; one quart peanuts chopped fine; one teaspoon vanilla. Boil the sugar, milk and butter together until it hardens in cold water; Add the peanuts and vanilla. Take from fire and stir continually until it turns to sugar; pour into buttered pans to cool.

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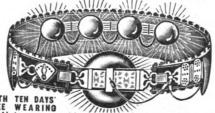
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sally and Lena, Cameron, Texas.—You are pretty silly, but you ought to break the engagement if he will not give you a ring. Is he old enough to know better? (2) Don't write again until he writes. (3) "Children obey your parents" is a good rule for you. (4) Give the young man up if he doesn't come to see you. What else can you do when he is so indifferent as that?

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Silvia, Pasadena, Cai.—Lemon juice is excellent to remove freckles; better let moles alone. Consult a physician about the other. (2) Nobody knows what will reduce fat with safety until he knows the case. Ask your physician.

Bonnie Blossom, Mitchell, Ind.—See above for your first three or four questions. The other sixteen are altogether too numerous and diversified for me to answer in one issue of Comfort. Suppose you give them to me on the installment plan.

Annie Laurie, Mt. Zion, Va.—The use of depilatories is dangerous except under a physician's directions. (2) The causes of pimples are so numerous and the cures so diversified that it is best to consult your physician. There are dozens of remedies no one of which would apply to your case.

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Old Maid, Prineville, Oregon.—I am ordinarily very slow to counsel a girl to go against the wishes of her parents in marrying, but yours is a case in which I do not hesitate to advise you to marry the young man. As you are the only child and evidently a very conscientious and considerate young woman, they will not withhold their blessing very long, if at all, when they see your mind is made up to do what your heart tells you is best.

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Bluebell, Creola, Ala.—If the sixteen year old girl is pretty she should not wear a "face veil." (2) Yes, wear the hair up, if grown. (3) Yes, if he does not object. (4) As a rule a girl should not go riding with a man unless she is chaperoned, but customs differ in country and city. (5) If I could give a recipe for earning pin-money by home work, I could get rich off of it. (6) A sixteen year old girl should break her engagement, whether the young man gives her nice presents or not. She has no business to be engaged at that immature age.

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seeking for the beautiful; but to me it was very interesting and unique. The streets present a barren aspect and the fruit stands beneath duck canopies are perfectly ludicrous; the stock being only the refuse from El Paso.

"The most attractive building is the ancient Guadaloupe Cathedral, a monument to the piety of the very early inhabitants. Just before the entrance is the public Plaza, a beautiful park containing numerous plashing fountains, beautiful trees, smooth green sward and lovely flowers. Near the center is a monument of a Mexican hero. Passing into the interior of the church, I was overcome with a feeling of awe as though really in Divine presence. The high walls are stained and the ceiling is arched and frescoed. The thorncrowned, loving Christ looks down from several frames on the walls, and there, too, is the faithful Mary. The altar is positively dazzling in its brilliancy and beauty.

"Second in interest—first with many—ranks the amphitheater, the scene of the famous bull fights. This is a huge, though rude wooden structure



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circular in form. The seats are ranged in tiers all around and the performance takes place in the center. A bull fight is always well attended by the Mexicans and tourists, even ministers of the Gespel being seen there.

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Our next letter is a description of a mint farm in Michigan. As I have never seen such a place the description is of great interest to me and I think it will be to many of my readers.

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"Some years ago I lived on a peppermint farm, and one of the stills was situated but a few rods east of our house. This mint farm, which is about twelve miles east of Muskegon, contains about seven hundred acres of tillable land, and at one time was a great marsh, dotted with clumps of willows, bayberry shrubs, etc. It was also the home of numerous bears. When my people first moved there we found it to be a low, level piece of land, composed of black, rich muck, and crossed by great ditches, from which smaller ones branched in such a way as to perfectly drain the soil.

"The mint, which is grown from the roots, is planted in shallow trenches about three feet apart. A man carries a sack full of these roots on his back, and as he follows the trench, carefully lays the long pink roots into it, while with his feet he shoves the loose soil over them from each side. The dark-green herbage that soon shoots from the soft ground is cultivated much the same as is corn, and is carefully hoed with tiny hoes, and is also weeded by the hands. This herbage, which finally grows into leafy stalks about eighteen inches long, is the first year cut with the common scythe; afterwards with the mowing machine. It is allowed to cure but a short time after cutting, when it is taken to the still.

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"The process of distillation is very interesting. The mint is placed on an elevated platform which has a roof but open sides. At the opposite side of the platform are two wooden tubs about eight feet wide, and of the same depth. Into these tubs the mint is pitched with forks, and when full they are closed with air-tight lids. Opposite, and close to the tubs, is a boiler in which steam is generated. It is generally protected by a shed. When all is ready a valve is opened, and the closely confined steam forces its way through a tube into one of the tubs. After the mint is thoroughly steamed the tube leading from the boiler is closed, and another, leading from the tub, is opened. Through this avenue of escape the hot, mint-laden steam passes downward through many lengths of tin tubing over which cold water is constantly falling from at ank above. Each length of tubing is a little lower than the preceding one, and finally the last length opens at one end above a receiver. The steam, cooled until it is a liquid, passes into the receiver, the oil gathering on top, and the water passes from a spout leading from the bottom of the receiver. After the steam has all left the tub, the lid is lifted and the refuse removed. Then while the other tub is being steamed, the first one is again filled. Thus by alternation the tubs are filled and steamed. When oil enough has gathered on top of the water in the receiver, it is dipped off with a cup."

Arthur W. Letson, Lisbon, Kent Co., Mich.
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Then there comes a revolution in the distant part of the province, and the Prince is obliged to buckle on his silver brocade armor and go to part of the province, and the Prince is obliged to buckle on his silver brocade armor and go to war. While he is gone the five heavenly sisters, who have been represented to be desolate in heaven at the loss of one of their number, come down to earth to pay her a visit. This visit takes place on the stage. After the first surprise of the wife and mother is over they sit around in a semicircle, gorgeous to behold, and a lively dialogue takes place which sounds very much like pounding on a big upturned brass kettle with a hardwood stick. The celestial visitors are urging the wife of the Prince to go back with them to her former home. She protests that she cannot bear to leave her husband, and tells them how desolate he will be. They tell her that he will have their little baby son to comfort him, and the baby, represented by a large wooden doll swathed in resplendent clothes is passed about to be admired. The sisters finally prevail, and all six retire from the stage.

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tragic style, the orchestra meanwhile playing in a more awfully minor key than usual. He does not know that his wife has gone back to does not know that his wife has gone back to heaven, nor, in fact, did he know up to that time that she had been heaven-sent to him. While he is lamenting in the middle of the front of the stage, the supers bring in three large tables and place them back of him, in front of the orchestra. The tables are set end to end, and at one end of the line a chair is set which makes a convenient step from the floor to the top of the tables. When this stage arrangement is completed the six sisters make their appearance and by means of the chair walk up on the tables, where they stand in a row with the wife of the prince in the middle. The Prince stops his lamenting, probably for lack of breath, and the wife begins to warble—"wobble" would better express the operation—a message to him, from heaven,



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represented by the elevated position in which the six women stand. These "women" by the way, are all men dressed in skirts, as the tradi-tions of the Chinese stage do not approve of women taking part in plays, although during late years there has been a disposition to change this rule.

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The bit of action where the Prince comes to understand the situation is the best exhibition of acting in the whole play. The wife, up in heaven—on the table—warbles a solo softly, as if at a great distance. The bereaved husband hears the sounds faintly, at first, as he indicates by putting one hand to his ear, and standing in a listening attitude. As the angelic song sounds louder, and explains the situation to him, an expression of wonder comes over his face, and then, as she tells of her regret at leaving him, but her belief that the baby will be his comfort, and he begins to realize the honor that has been conferred upon him, the hero's grief gives place to a subdued joy and gratitude that he has been permitted to enjoy even so much of the society of so exalted a personage. He calls a servant and has the baby brought into the room, and takes it in his arms and kisses it. The angel mother looking down from the table sings her joy at the sight, the sisters join in a jubilant chorus, at the end of which they climb down from the tables and walk off the stage. The supers come in and remove the tables and chair, the prince walks off with the baby, and the play is done.

Many Chinese plays go on from day to day in a continued performance of a long drama, but in this case the complete play was given every afternoon and night. Into this performance, too, were introduced certain variety features, similar to our own theatrical methods. There was a sword contest between two soldiers, and a feast was given by the Prince to some noble guest, in order to afford an opportunity for some fancy dancing after the Chinese fashions. Among the dancers was one star performer who was advertised to be one of the famous "small feet." Chinese women. She wore the most wonderful costumes of any of the members of the company, and minced about the stage in a funny little "walk-around," with a great flourishing of a superb fan. As a mat

and as they peeped from the hem of his skirt looked like what I should imagine the real thing might.

The three men in the orchestra played on a variety of instruments, according to the sentiment which the action of the play required. I do not know the names of any of the instruments. They were all queer looking; wooden drums, and things which looked like gourds; buckets with strings stretched across them, and a strange fiddle with only one string, on which a man fiddled for half an hour at a time, with his eyes shut. The orchestra smoked cigarettes when they wanted to, and I suspect there was opium in the smoke, for the players seemed in a half somnolent condition a good share of the time. This may have been due to their own music. Awful as it seemed at first I really came to rather like the monotonous "tum-tum" of it. Certainly no other theatrical performance ever gave me more real pleasure than did this in the Chinese play house.

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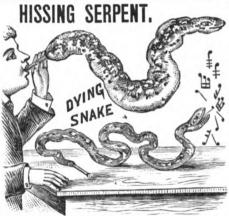
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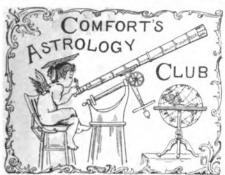
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10—Sunday. This day conduces to happy efforts of the clergy, giving special eloquence and zeal to the ex-temporaneous speaker and closer attention and more ready comprehension from the listener.

11-Monday. Be not rash in the morning, nor let thy temper overcome good judgment in the noon hours; do not speculate nor concern thyself with real estate mat-

12.—Tuesday. Avoid litigation; use the pen very cautiously, engage in no important transactions with printers, booksellers, stationers, mathematicians, lawyers or public writers and do not travel unnecessarily; ask no favors from persons in government service or employ; do not engage with corporations nor take the day for erecting any corporate body; architectural work, especially on public buildings, is not likely to be successful or profitable.

13—Wednesday. Do not ask favor or promotion from persons in authority; beware of the contraction of severe and dangerous colds involving the lungs; the day is not to be depended on for the inauguration of any important matter.

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14—Thursday. Bright and prosperous are the conditions of this day for travellers, merchants, tradesmen, and speculators; applications for favor from persons of promineace or distinction will meet with more than ordinary success; the day is particularly fortunate for changing residence, for dealings with persons engaged in the literary pursuits and those connected with the polite arts; have transactions with printers, booksellers, stationers, mathematicians, officers of state and all ingenious persons. Reculus particularly commends this day to his friends and urges its fullest employment for the greater undertakings in life, especially in connection with the literary world.

15—Friday. Be in no haste to use the morning hours for beginnings, but as the forenoon advances let every energy be put forth and all honorable business pushed to the utmost; the forenoon is best avoided for the transactions concerned with real estate and mines.

16 Saturday. A favorable day for the vigorous prosecution of business although the morning hours present some thwarting testimonies and forbid dealings with persons who are very eccentric or much advanced

in years.

17—Sumday. A day of intellectual acuteness though tendencies to sarcasm and bitterness of speech are incited; strange whims and notions become pronounced and the temper will need healthful check; let all in charge of church buildings have unusual care for avoidance of fires; let all persons born about the 13th of February, 18th of May, 19th of August, or 18th of November, of past years, have unusual care in these passing days for avoidance of fires and explosions, and to keep out of ittigation or contention. There will be some unusual fire losses in these days. All should be careful in handling inflammables and explosives.

ing any new and important work or for launching any of their productions in the literary world.

19—Tuesday. Give preference to the forencon for money dealings pertaining to houses and lands; do not deal with any corporation in the noon hours; the afternoon is more favorable than usual for the artist and musician; the elegant occupations will be specially prosperous; deal in fancy goods and articles of dress or adornment. More than ordinary pleasure may be had from the social, musical, or dramatical entertainments in the evening.

Wednesday. An indifferent day, giving but promise of advantage or profit from undertakings begun; they are best postponed for a short season.

now begun; they are best postponed for a short season. 21-Thursday. Be careful of the purse in the forenoon, when thou shouldst not have any dealings in land or mining properties of any description; choose the latter half of the day for dealings with surgeons, military men, cutters, chemists and those generally in the mechanical callings; the mechanic and manufacturer are peculiarly favored.

22-Friday. The forenoon is the least favorable part of the day, but after the noon hour, urge all manner of traffic; do important correspondence, sign deeds and writings, hire servants and engage actively in the literary pursuits, even late into the night.

23—Saturday. Urge business to the utmost during every moment of this day; choose it for all scientific and literary pursuits, music, painting and illustrating literary productions; make contracts in commerce and in all artistic speculations; buy goods to sell again, especially such as are used for building and improving real estate and mining property.

24 Sunday. The day in general is a peculiarly good one though the morning and forenoon hours are less to be depended upon for good, as conditions interfere with domestic tranquility and contribute to strife and disruption in both the social and more tender relations.

disruption in both the social and more tender relations. 25—Monday. Merchants should transact business cautiously during the early forencon when also those employed with the pen must act with more than ordinary circumspection; purchases for trade are best deferred until the afternoon hours, when also money accommodations are more readily obtained; give preference to the afternoon for dealings with cutlers, cattle-traders and mechanics.

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26—Tuesday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday throughout this day, giving preference to the forenoon for transactions with dentists, surgeons, druggists, chemists, machinsts and all workers with fire and metals; make engagements with manufacturers and crowd all general business except that pertaining to the fine arts and the beautiful in life.

27—Wednesday. The very early hours of this day are the best, when the merchant, tradesman, commercial traveler and all engaged in literary pursuits or having employment concerning books are particularly favored; as the forenoon advances the day is less auspicious; money matters are embarrassed and speculations now engaged in will result in loss; the forenoon should be used for routine matters only; transactions pertaining to lands, buildings, or agriculture should not be entered into at this time.

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28—Thursday. This day is recommended for the artist, dramatist, and musician and the elegant occupations will be specially prosperous; deal in fancy goods and articles of dress or adornment; sign no writings of consequence in the noon hours.

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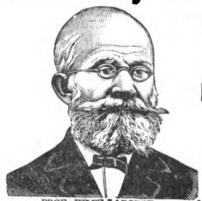
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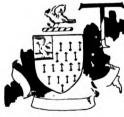
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His father was a farmer, and the life of the boy was like that of any other farmer's boy, but he very early in life revealed the fact that he was not like the ordinary farmer boy. It became evident that he had a mind far beyond became evident that he had a mind far beyond his years. It also became evident that he was not "cut out for a farmer," for he was dabbling in all sorts of chemical experiments before he had reached his teens. His father was wise enough not to make any attempt to force the boy to become that for which it was so evident that nature had unfitted him, and when young nature had unfitted him, and when young Benjamin was but thirteen he was sent to Salem to enter the store of John Appleton. All of his spare time when he was out of the store was occupied in scientific studies and experi-He lived with Mr. Appleton, whose was frequented by the most learned men of Salem, whose conversation was chiefly on

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in Woburn and he walked to and from Boston every day while he was attending Harvard. When you remember that the distance was ten miles you can understand how determined the boy was to secure an education. When he was nineteen young Thompson began teaching school in Concord, New Hampshire, which was then called Rumford. Before he was twenty years of age he was married to Mrs. Rolfe, widow of Colonel Benjamin Rolfe, a lady of large fortune and a good many years older than her young husband. His marriage gard than her young husband. His marriage agree than her young husband. His marriage gard than her young husband his kindly and pleasing manners. He came under the notice of the royal governor Wentworth, who was so pleased with his intelligence and his manly bearing that he made him major of a Provincial regiment and showed other marks of special interest in him. He was not yet twenty-one when he became major of his regiment, but he filled the posi-

of light and heat, a medal that is still awarded by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston.

In his last years he went to France to live and he died at Auteuil in the year 1814. He never saw his native land after leaving it at the close of the Revolution, but it is certain that he had it much in mind, and it must have been that a man of his sensibilities must have looked back in his declining years with sorrow and regret on the disloyalty of his early manhood that made him an alien, and his name a reproach to his countrymen. He was long ago proach to his countrymen. He was long ago judged by Him who knows all hearts and all human motives as we cannot know them, and it is not the country to the





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The Claim Jumper at Pioneer Camp.

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T was in the late "fifties."

Ben Roarer, who had risen to the state of single handed miner through the stages of "broken down miner," "buil puncher," "prospector," and finally 'claim jumper," had for two years worked a claim of clouded title to such good profit that high life at Pioneer Camp was wont to know much of him one month and none of him for an equal time thereafter. The claim accountable for the month of luxury, as wild cat gold camps of the Rockies knew it.

was as surely accountable for the miner's subsequent disappearance. Good and bad times, which depended mostly on "clean ups," had the effect, naturally, to extend or to abbreviate the month of Ben's sojourn to his claim; and upon occasion that period of time nearly doubled or only half transpired before his return. But it was upon the last trip he even made that his return followed closest; then it was unmistakably premature and precipitate.

Out from camp the stubborn twisting trail offered no serious difficulty until Pioneer Camp and anything pertaining to high life had been left a half day's journey behind. Then it took to hugging a rugged precipice so closely as to give but scant foothold between the rocky wall and a chasm of dizzying depths. Here the miner was accustomed to leave his shaggy pony to shift for himself until Pioneer Camp should again be in order, and proceed the rest of the way on foot. But custom was a matter of necessity, for generally-and particularly upon his last trip-Ben Roarer would have far rather trusted the ticklish path to his pony's head than his own, from which it is to be drawn that Ben Roarer, who was a giant and a ruffian, was also at moments—for which the high life at Pioneer Camp may or may not have been responsible-something of a coward.

Fortunately it was not a long trail of nerve, and at the end the trail wound down through the hemlocks and ended in a lap of the hills where the coveted claim was located.

On his last trip, Ben took to the path with all the mountaineer's instinct of caution. Balancing his month's bag of flour and snack of bacon on a stick over his shoulder and leaning his weight against the rocks, he grasped the available roots and rocky points for his surer support. Half-way across a spring oozed from a cleft in the rock, and here the miner stopped and took a long refreshing draught.

"God is good," was his solitary comment of satisfaction. Then he started on again but he went a very little way when he uttered a cry and stopped affrighted in his tracks.

Ben Roarer had come in sight of his claim, old trick.

and there beside the tilting box he saw an active little old man unmistakably at work. Ben The astute ruffian had never failed in passing dropped to a sitting posture on the narrow path and let his legs dangle over the edge.

"Good Lord!" he ejaculated, brushing his horny hand across his perspiring brow. It was a habit of Ben's which he felt redeeming to hook the expression of his feelings with the personality of his Maker. Yet on its own account the sight was enough to try the miner's powers of ejaculation to the utmost.

It was not a case of simple claim jumping, for that would have been a proposition of dog eat dog quickly settled by a crafty crawl and a pot shot. The man was not a stranger. The flabby black sauce-pan hat had a familiar tilt; the clothes too, were clearly reminiscent; and by all Ben's lights of observation and judgment the features were those of Jim Rawlson, whom he had shot two years previous in a dispute not only concerning, but upon the premises of that very claim to which he was now returning. Ben neither pronounced it an illusion nor commented upon the quality of spirits sold at Pioneer Camp. What he did was to crawl back to the spring and soberly immerse his head in the cool, sparkling pool before taking a second observation.

Still it was an uncanny sight. He could swear to the man's identity. Beard a trifle grayer to be sure, and the general cut a little more broken down than formerly; but all that was to be expected after being shot and dropped over the edge of the canyon like so much carrion. Ben was scared. He felt the helplessness of being in the presence of the supernatural. Added to the scare was the sickening sense of how ineffective a lead slug would be upon an apparition. But he failed to reason that the weapon hanging naturally upon the hip of the worker would be quite as ineffective upon him.

Therefore, Ben Roarer, claim jumper number one, made no demonstration against the eerie worker, but continued to sit with his back against the rock wall and his legs hanging over the abyss, turning matters in his mind. That he had wrested the claim wrongfully from Rawlson there was no controverting. In fact, he had shot and killed him. But that had been easily smoothed over by his own affidavit of self defense and prior ownership which he knew to be untrue, and the unpopularity of his victim at Pioneer Camp, where sentiment was the sole adjudicator. A clear case of "ciaim jumping!" But now here was the victim back again as spry as ever, and undoubtedly ready to file an affidavit of a contradictory nature, which under the leery circumstances would be indisputable. At this point in his meditations and several others of like portent, Ben Roarer was in danger of sliding limply over the edge of the trail and into the canyon.

Reason as he might, no agreeable dawning broke to Ben's befogged mind. Frequent peekings taken stealthily did not destroy the identity of the little gray bearded man who all the while worked smartly. The incessant action of the man's jaws even disclosed a new mark of identification. Yet despite this and the more substantial argument of a new heap of pay dirt, which only weeks of labor could create, claim jumper number one had a lingering hope that it was all an illusion which would pass as equally harrowing illusions had passed before.

So when the sun beat directly downwards and the solitary worker drew off for his noon meal. Ben crawled stealthily down to the outskirts of the claim. From one corner to another he stole and in turn scanned the trees upon which he had tacked his notices of location. His were not there! Others hardly mildewed occupied their places, and all bore another's name. If he had studied them more closely or had the penmanship of the new claimant been more legible, matters would have appeared in a different light. But it was not to be, for it was sufficient that the name which stared him in the face was "Rawlson!"

Ben slunk off into cover. Seated at the foot of a hemlock, he intended to grapple with this conclusive bit of evidence. But he had hardly begun in earnest when he was startled by a voice at his shoulder.

"Move a hair uv yer head and I'll send yer ter hell!" came the stern, snappy admonition of anything but a dead man. Ben looked up terrified and met the piercing gray eyes of a gray bearded little man. They were glassy, he recollected, when he last saw them. But he also met the cold gaze of a Colt's revolver.

"Good Lord, don't!" moaned Ben, as he felt the hair, over which he had no control, rising stiffly beneath his bat.

The little man chewed. Holding that operation in higher esteem than words, he merely surveyed his quarry contemptuously.

"Rawlson?" at last ventured Ben fearfully. "You bet," was the short reply. "Knew me did ver?" he added.

There was surprise evinced in the question but Ben only noted the sarcastic curl of the

"Then," continued the little man, "Yer know who yer got ter deal with."

Half sitting, half lying limply at the foot of the tree, Ben realized the worst. Superstition mingled with reality rushed through his mind. Among the wild thoughts he seized one; an

"Will yer have my gun?" he asked craftily. his revolver with muzzle pointed toward himself to twirl it like a flash to the end of summarily turning the tables in his favor. He waited eagerly for the answer.

"Got it" replied the little man dryly, chewing in contemplation of an end to the situation.

Ben Roarer's hand went to his hip to find an empty belt, and his jaw fell in awful fear. How he had been robbed of his weapon while wide awake, was too uncanny a matter for him to explain. His intended victim surveyed him coldly, and in that cruel gaze Ben saw no inkling of mercy. His nerves were fast unravelling.

"What do yer want uv me?" he asked in a broken whisper.

"That's my proposition" came the snappy reply. "Calate I'd better drill yer onery hide and let yer go inter ther canyon" he added accommodatingly.

"Good Lord, don't," moaned the nerveless Ben, "lemme go."

Ben's small tormentor twirled his unkempt beard speculatively.

"Go whar?" he finally asked.

"Whar?" cried the big man, "Any whars outen ther country," he added desperately.

"Waal," drawled the other, as though he hated to do it, "Waal, git out then, an' if ever I sot eyes on yer carkiss, I'll shoot yer.'

Ben Roarer needed no urging. Leaving both flour and bacon he tore frantically away lest a change of opinion in the gray bearded little man should drop him unceremoniously in his

The new claimant, claim jumper number two, returned to his solitary toil with contorted face, emitting hoarse, chuckles. But he was not content to let Ben Roarer out of his sight unless it was to hit the trail for other parts. The peaceful manner in which the claim had been surrendered was suspicious, and the man's apparent fright a possible subterfuge.

It was then, for the investigation of these matters, that the little man of the flabby black hat appeared in Pioneer Camp a half day after the fleeing Ben. But the fleeing Ben, to the later sorrow of the little man, had not stopped for more than a graphic but somewhat distorted account of the return to earth of Jim Rawlson, two years dead.

No wonder then the miners, who had laughed at Ben, now stood aside as the apparition walked smartly into the house of recreation! No wonder, too, that the proprietor handed out a tin cup of spirits a little charily, and only after the cup had been emptied in an unmistakably human and commonplace way ventured to speak!

"Rawlson, howdy," he said extending his hand.

The little man turned sharply at the name. "Howdy" he returned. "Yer all seem ter know me hereabouts," he added, puzzled.

"Know yer! of course we know yer," exclaimed the proprietor. "Can't be helped pardner, but I never seed

you afore," returned the other.

A gaping circle of red shirted spectators had

no help for their misguided spokesman. "Aint you Rawlson that Ben Roarer shot?"

queried the proprietor hastily. "No I aint: at least not yet," replied the little man, sharply scanning the crowd for a possible Ben Roarer.

"You aint Jim Rawlson thet Ben Roarer shot?" persisted the proprietor with scrupulous enunciation.

The little man started at the lesser name. 'No,I aint," he again replied.

"I aint a doubting no man's word, least of all yourn," continued the unconvinced proprietor, 'but I swear yer look jist like him.'

"Orter, I cal'ate" returned the little man less pugnaciously but chewing flercely, "being Jim's own twin brother."

When the grim joke had fairly dawned upon them the miners grew loquacious, and claim jumper number two soon learned the fate of Jim Rawlson and the identity of Ben Roarer. "Whar is Ben Roarer?" he demanded savage-

Jim Rawlson's twin brother bit his lip and dented his tin drinking cup.

"Fer whar?" he asked portentously, preparing to depart.

But here the representatives of high life at Pioneer Camp made a stand; and by way of a benefit for the dispossessed Ben Roarer, they did not betray him.

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How the Curio-Collector was Cured.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT BY ANNA B. PATTEN

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T is a humiliating thing to confess that one has married a crank, but Mrs. Wellington Wade was going through that enlightening experience. In the days of incipient courtship the idiosyncrasies of her lover appeared to her only as a distinct trait, a marked individuality that separated him from the common herd. In her engagement it was merely a fad-kings and queens, even, had their pet hobbies-while in the bliss of the honey. moon, a collector of curios was the most entertaining of companions on a trip through foreign countries, com-

bining pleasure with historical research.

But after six years of married life, with its disillusionment, she had to face the unalterable fact that her husband was a monomaniac on the subject of relic-hunting!

He had picked up, already, a motley collection, in their travels all over the world. A splinter off the Sphinx in Egypt; a fragment from the Acropolis, at Athens, and a bit of bone, belonging to a Saint, in Palestine; not to mention sundry coins, swords, pikeheads, daggers, ivory tusks, jewelled snuff-boxes, walking-sticks and autographs. A large fortune had been spent in reckless search for antiquities. Thus far, he had succeeded in becoming the

proud possessor of the sword and belt worn by Napoleon: a wooden sabot of Pope Clement VI: a shoe of Marie Antoinette; a piece of Queen Victoria's wedding cake, and a drum whose rattle had drowned the last words of



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XVI. Ranged along the walls of his den curious chairs, empty receptacles of past eat ess, said to have held, once upon a time, ms of famous personages. On the shelves, , were displayed numberless trophies; ap a, of various patterns, specimens of a unique collection of wigs, and the ipe ical warming-pans that had aired the of such celebrities as Mary, Queen of Scot Catharine de Medici and Madame Pomp-

adou I tell the truth, the whole house was littered with trumpery, and the luckless visitor who made his appearance at the door was immediately submitted to a long explanatory discourse on the contents of the glass cases. Consequently, their old friends had gradually slipped away and Mrs. Wellington Wade found herself the sole auditor of her eager archeologist.

Her services were also brought into requisition as an amanuensis, in preparing a catalogue, which was an exceedingly bulky manuscript and necessitated weary hours of plodding through the historical journals and art manuals. Not content with this sacrifice of his wife's time, the absent-minded collector insisted upon her daily attendance at every auction sale, where she inwardly fumed at the fabulous sums expended in the purchase of insignificant articles, guaranteed to date from the middle ages or before the flood.

Most disheartening of all, she had a vague idea that this dominant desire of her husband had drawn him into the vortex of delusion, that he had become the innocent dupe of unscrupulous sharpers in the shape of suave picture-dealers and shop-tenders who were palming off worthless, modern bric-a-brac for priceless antiques.

This morning they were to attend a sale of oil paintings, where it was rumored a genuine Greuze was the drawing card. Patiently she followed her husband in his tour of the rooms. gazing with helpless ignorance at the array of smoke-dried pictures in their tarnished frames. She could not detect the salient points of the masterpiece, nor was she quite assured that her companion rejoiced in a certain confidence, although he seemed to be studying these exponents of immortal genius with the semblance of a devotee, standing at a respectful distance and holding his hand, after the manner of art critics, slightly curved over his eyes Suddenly he stopped and bent toward her.

"Do you see that gentleman leaning against the doorway?" he whispered in her ear. "He has been talking to the auctioneer. I have an idea that he is a connoisseur. He is always here and tries to outbid me. He has got wind of this original, you better believe.'

Mrs. Wade glanced at the gentleman in question, and mentally wondered if her husband was to deteriorate into that dilapidated condition, after a continued pursuance of his infatuation.

"What did I tell you!" he ejaculated warningly, when the auctioneer had taken his stand on a stool, and the gentleman by the doorway had moved forward. "He is beginning to show interest. See him swallowing? It is a sure sign. There's only one way to beat him-and that is, to buy the whole lot!"

"Oh, Wellington! But what will you do

with them?"

"Sell them-throw them in the street-" was the frenzied reply, then, as if in fear of attracting suspicious notice, he suddenly subdued his tones. "Do you think I would risk losing a genuine Greuze? Flesh tints are very deceiving, and you can't trust these dealers, they will palm anything off on you. But when an expert like this man is so eager to secure an article there is something back of it, you may be sure."

His wife subsided with a sigh of resignation She would have to take up her abode in the elevator if this craze continued much longer. "How much am I offered?" chirped the auctioneer, "Worth \$50, if it is a sou-60-75-"

It was a battle between two opposing forces for no one else seemed to desire to stake any large sum on these unattractive-looking spepast glory. Fortune favored archeologist, and a short space of time saw him the owner of the whole array of dingy daubs, and a debtor to the amount of a cool number of thousands.

It did not take long to summon an express man and have his newly acquired property carted to his uptown residence. Nor did he suffer them out of his sight, but took up his station beside the driver, leaving his wife to follow at her leisure.

"There are so many tricks of the trade." he managed to whisper to her, aside. "Besides. that man is not going to let such a treasure go if he can get hold of it, by fair means or foul.'

His wife patiently acquiesced in this new vagary, and followed on behind, reaching the house in time to see the queer assortment hang in single file on the walls of the collector's den. The collector himself stood in an attitude of attention, with his eyeglass in hand, trying to catch the light from every point of view.

He had been ashamed to show his inability to detect chef d'oeuvre in the auction room, and had seen no way out of the dilemma but to buy the whole lot. Now, for the same reason, he disliked to display ignorance in the

Bedfellowship.

The Time When Girls Exchange Confidences

After the prolonged separation of a year when girl school chums meet again, they are apt to matters until bed-time. Then reviving dormitory days of old they open their hearts and tell the secrets accumulated in twelve long months. And some of these confidences are frequency until the girl is taught that the rather than submit to a treatment which the local womanly health.

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> first opportunity of consulting privately some authority on the subject, and defer a settlement of matters until then.

> The sifting of expert testimony took time. It necessitated a great deal of expenditure in the hiring of correct evidence, and lengthy search for data and reliable information. The dozen slowly dwindled down to six, to four, then to one. History, scholarship and art united in giving to this last the divine touch of the master hand.

"You see, my dear, I was not rash," he confided later to his wife. "Not only did I hesitate to trust my own judgment, although I may humbly say that I have given considerable study to this subject, but I waited until I could secure indisputable proof of the authenticity of this painting. That, I have now obtained. I wonder, now, that I could have hesitated for a moment. Note the breadth of outline, the delicacy of touch-that curvethose matchless flesh tints. Can you not mark a faint trace of the head—an arm—a hand—the

Mrs. Wade saw only a daub of dull brown curative power. There is no claim made for on a dark indistinguishable background, with Favorite Prescription" which is not backed a smattering of varnish over all, but she did not dare to utter this blasphemy aloud.

A month later they were passing the auction room, and seeing that some sale was in progress, Mr. Wellington Wade could not resist the fascination of crossing the charmed manuscripts and book-lore, a department in which he had not yet had the temerity to dabble.

The ruddy-faced auctioneer recognized, at once, a possible customer, and stopped on his brusque greeting and the suggestion that he should take a look around at the collection.

"By the way, what did you do with that job lot of paintings you got here a short time ago? I did not know but you were going to start a picture store."

Mr. Wade met the auctioneer's inquiry with

knowing smile.

"Oh, I had an object-not quite that-but-"So I had supposed," returned the auctioneer, as he shifted his bundle from one arm to the

I racked my brains to guess what you were up to. We had a gem of a Greuze come in the collection, but that went at a private sale, an hour beforehand. I was offered such a big lump I couldn't afford to let it go. Not running away? Don't you want something in vellum or calf? We can give you a bargain."

Mr. Wade slowly shook his head. His lips were gray with a sudden pallor. His wife stepped forward to shield him, and the auctioneer hurried off with a cheery node

The collector stood for a while, listening to the sharp monotone—

"2-2.20-3-make it 4, madame-make it 4-" He seemed stunned by the shock of some sudden discovery. As he turned mechanically to leave, his wild, wondering gaze caught sight of a well-known figure, standing in the background, following the bids diligently. It was his opponent for the famous original! Could it be possible that this connoisseur had been deceived like himself? He was evidently a bookworm, as well as a virtuoso. He turned to a person standing near by.

"Can you tell me who the gentleman is who has just bid—the one with a catalogue in his hand-to the right?"

The stranger followed his glance, and then laughed significantly.

"Oh, he? Why, that's the auction-room crank. He isn't just right, you know. Wants to bid on everything. Nobody pays any attention to what he says-they just humor him. He's deaf, too. If you notice sharp you'll see that he chirps in after the auctioneer, every time.'

Mr. Wellington Wade looked steadily at the stranger for a moment; then he suddenly slipped away out of sight, without a glance at his wife, who had studiously kept her eyes in the opposite direction.

The following week, Mrs. Wade was returning home from market. As she reached the house she saw an express wagon standing in front of the door, while several men in overalls, were conveying the precious treasures of her husband's collection down the steps and depositing them very carefully in the cart. Their owner, who naturally might have been expected to appear in a distracted state of mindat sight of this sacrilegious proceeding, stood on the front porch, watching their movements with indifferent eyes.

'Why, Wellington, what does this mean?" his wife managed to gasp out, as her bewildered gaze travelled from the costly heap of venerable heirlooms to the placid countenance of their once proud possessor.

"Don't be alarmed, dear," and he drew her into the dismantled drawing-room and shut the door. "I have sold them all-every blessed one of the old traps, to the'--' Museum. You're all the treasure I want! Do you think I don't know how to appreciate a wife who is too loyal even to smile when her husband has made a fool of himself!"

Cheating Toonook.

An Incident in the Arctics.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ALEC VICNOR.



HE extreme northern portion of Alaska, bordering upon the Arctic Ocean, is a barren, rocky and treeless waste, sustaining little life of any kind, and given over to eternal snow and ice of the polar regions. It is inhabited by a race of people called Nakooruks, who live mainly along the coast. They are but few in number, and rapidly decreasing every year, so that it is doubtless but a short time before they will be extinct entirely. The Nakooruks are

not true Esquimaux. Though closely allied

to them, they nevertheless differ from them in many particulars. They do not build a house mer, called a "toopick", and their winter house is the "igloo", consisting of an excavation in the ground roofed over with driftwood or whalebone and covered with stones and earth; but it has the underground approach similar to the hut of the true Esquimau.

The life of the Nakooruks is very simple. They have no government, no laws, no organizations, and no enterprises; no rulers and no set customs. Nevertheless they live happily and peacefully for the most part, spending their time in hunting and fishing and sitting about their hearthstone, which consists of an oil lamp made of a long wooden trench.

They are remarkably free from vice and crime, and not even polygamy is common among them. One writer who spent much time in this uninviting region some years ago when their trile was more numerous than at present asserts that he heard of but one Nakooruk who had more than one wife.

When a Nakooruk man wants a wife, the when a Nakooruk man wants a wife, the custom is for him to purchase the object of his choice from her parents, but the price demanded is not usually one which would necessitate starting out in matrimony a bankrupt. Girls who are so unfortunate as to be without parwho are so unfortunate as to be without parents marry whoever they please, and indeed are expected to support and care for themselves until marriage, yet no objection is raised to their presence, and they may take up an abode with whatever family they choose, but in this case must be purchased upon marriage.

These people are all superstitious, constantly resorting to all sorts of charms and conjuring resorting to all sorts of charms and conjuring to drive away evil spirits, and especially "Too-nook", the chief evil spirit, or devil. To avoid him they resort to all kinds of devices, pronounce incantations, wear charmed beads upon their clothing which their "medicine men" have endowed with the power of driving him away, and offer gifts, that the great terror of their lives may be appeased; and anyone supposed to have offended Toonook is regarded with the utmost horror.

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Some years ago it was reported that the coast of Alaska bordering upon the Arctic Ocean was rich in coal veins of great depth and value, and I was sent out by a company of capitalists to investigate the matter and report as to the feasibility of mining it. During my explorations I necessarily mingled with the Nakooruks, and my every move was the wonder and curiosity or an ever increasing company which constantly followed me about.

During my stay among these people, in some way the idea became prevalent among them that Toonook had been offended by some occurrence, they knew not what, and that it would be necessary to appease him. For some days great excitement prevailed among them, and whispered consultations were constantly being held, the meaning of which I could not understand, but imagine my surprise on learning from the guide that I had brought with me from Point Barrow that an offering was to be made of a most revolting character.

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From what he told me I gathered that he knew it to be a custom among these people, at times of the greatest apprehension on account of Toonook, to offer him portions of a human body to quiet his ill will, and on one occasion which he could remember, an old woman having died unaccountably, which was attributed to his anger, as a ceremony of respect toward him that he might not afflict the tribe farther, four aged women were chosen from among them, who after having blackened their faces, were to open the body of the dead woman, remove her heart, and marching with it to the seashore cast it upon the waves as an offering to this offended spirit. knew it to be a custom among these people, at

to this offended spirit.

Now there was among the Nakooruks at the time of my visit a not uncomely young woman by the name of Tanooli. She was so unfortunate as to have lost her parents in childfortunate as to have lost her parents in childhood, but had taken up a residence with one of the families of the tribe, and was regarded as one of them, according to their custom. It had not escaped my notice that my guide had at once been much impressed with the charms of this young woman, and from the first it was evident that he was intending to purchase her with trinkets and so on which I had promised him in return for his services, and which it would be necessary for him to do to gain her, on account of her long residence with an adopted family.

The story of my guide was that no one having died in the tribe recently, he feared that they might do her violence, she being friendless. Whether this was the unjustifiable fear of a jealous lover, or a ruse of some kind on the part of this seemingly simple native, I did not know. I had never known or heard of human sacrifice being practiced among the Esquimaux, but Leventheless are well to de what Leventheless are read to de whet Levell to the service of the seeming that they make the level the service of t

part of this seemingly simple native, I did not know. I had never known or heard of human sacrifice being practiced among the Esquimaux, but I nevertheless agreed to do what I could to rescue the young woman from the fate which he seemed to think was awaiting her.

The question then was, how should I go about it? If we should take the girl by force and carry her off, the natives would at once doubtless follow in pursuit, and as they were possessed of wonderful powers of endurance, would easily overtake us, in which case it might go hard with all of us.

At length I hit upon an idea which I thought worth trying, at any rate, and through the assistance of my guide as interpreter and with such few words of their language as I could speak, I informed them that I had been given to understand that Toonook had become offended with them, and that they were about making him a peace offering. I suggested that it was my belief that their offended deity would be much more pleased with some of the trinkets which I had in my luggage than anything else, and ended by offering to purchase Tanooli, that they might present the proceeds to Toonook.

My offer was readily accepted, and I gave as

to Toonook.

My offer was readily accepted, and I My offer was readily accepted, and I gave as a price for the young woman a handful of bright beads and a hatchet, of the value in all of about fifty cents. The beads, I noticed, disappeared unaccountably almost at once, but the hatchet was borne to the matchet.

appeared unaccountably almost at once, but the hatchet was borne to the water's edge after many incantations and with great ceremony, and cast into the waves for Toonook.

Thus I assured myself that I had settled the whole affair most satisfactorily, and was congratulating myself with not a little pride on my shrewdness and diplomacy, when a new state of affairs presented itself which put an entirely new aspect upon the matter. Having purchased Tanooli she was now my wife, according to the customs of the Nakooruks, and nothing would do but that I must take her as nothing would do but that I must take her as my wife at once. Now the reader must be informed that there

chanced to be a certain fair haired young lady back in the city of Chicago, whose image was stamped indelibly for all time upon my heart stamped indelibly for all time upon my heart and mind, so that for this reason above every other a Nakooruk bride was out of the question with me. Add to this the fact that my guide, at the turn which affairs had taken, quite unexpectedly to him, was sulking about in a manner and with a look which boded no good for me, and certainly no peace of mind for him. It was evident that he would not part with his intended bride without a struggle, at least.

Again I was compelled to put my powers to the test, and commanding my companion to pack up our things for an immediate departure, I began bidding the Nakooruks an affectionate farewell, and conducting myself as though I was about to start on my long journey home again. My new wife I placed upon my sledge and tucked her in with many robes and furs; my tent was struck and packed behind her, and the dogs which composed my train captured and fastened in the harness. I then cracked my whip about their ears, and away of course I don't believe in prize fighter in America, the world's champion at that time.

"Sh—" said the man fumbling awkwardly in his vest pocket with his left hand. "Keep it mum," he added, and laid a \$20 bill on the table in front of his companion.

"Keep your money," the boy said, pushing the bill back across the table, his face flushing. "I hope I can do a man a favor without being fail of it.

"Besides," he added, "I'm real glad to have a chance to see one I've read so much about. Of course I don't believe in prize fighting," he

we went at as fast a pace as I could command running beside the leader, while my native as-sistant followed doggedly on behind, scarcely knowing what to say or do, in his chagrin and disappointment.

The Nakooruks waved their adieus to us,

and were slow in following after, as I hoped they might be, and indeed could not have broken camp at once, being taken by surprise at the suddenness of my departure. A light snow was on the ground, having recently fallen, and we made such good time that within an hour we had covered fully eight or ten miles, and were well out of the way of our possible followers. sible followers.

sible followers.

I then called a halt, and motioning the native to the side of the sledge, performed, as best I was able, the marriage ceremony according to our customs between him and the object of his affections. When I explained to him the meaning of my words his joy knew no bounds. I could scarcely make him realize it, for it all seemed to him too good to be true, and I could tell from the way he looked at me that he regarded me as simple minded to have parted garded me as simple minded to have parted with such a prize.

I continued my explorations for a month longer, the bride and groom assisting me in my work, but no trouble arose among the Nakmy work, but no trouble arose among the Nakooruks over the exchange of grooms in the
marriage ceremony, it having escaped their
knowledge and attention. Thus Toonook was
cheated out of all but a hatchet, and the Point
Barrow native got a wife for nothing. I often
wonder what he would have thought if he
could have seen the blushing American bride
which I led to the altar, not long after my return to Chicago!

Settled Out of Court.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY M. B. THRASHER.

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OHN Ruggles swung himself from the platform of a country station onto the steps of one of the cars of a New York bound train just as the train started. He waved his hand to a little group of persons standing on the platform.

"Good by! Good by! Good Luck!" they cried.

"Thank you!" he shouted back, his eyes shining with excitement and pleasure. "Good by!"

The young man stood looking back until the station and the water tank and the freight house, all so familiar to his eyes, had slipped out of

sight. When he turned to enter the passenger coach he saw that it was crowded. Every seat seemed full. The car ahead was the smoker. It did not seem to be so crowded. He walked up the aisle. One half a double seat with a card table in the middle was empty, and putting his bag in the rack, the boy, for he was little more than that, sat down.

A brakeman, coming down the aisle, laid

some telegraph blanks on the table. "Here's your blanks, sir," he said.

The man who was sitting in the other half of the seat smoothed out a crumpled telegram on the table and read it over and over. Then he the seat smoothed out a crumpled telegram on the table and read it over and over. Then he glanced questioningly out from under heavy eyebrows towards the face of the young man who had sat down opposite him. He was a large man with massive shoulders, and a hand so big that it could almost have covered the piece of yellow paper on the table from sight. "I say," he finally asked of his seatmate, "do you happen to have a pencil about you?" Ruggles had been looking out of the car window.

"I think I have," he said, turning to see who had spoken to him. He took a pencil from his pocket and handed it across the table.

The man took the pencil in his left hand, but

made no attempt to use it. He twisted around in the seat and read the telegram over once

"I say," he began again, leaning over the seat and speaking in a low voice, "I wonder if you would do me the favor of writing a few

"The fact is," he added, "I've hurt my right hand so I can't use it."

Ruggles noticed for the first time, then, that the man was keeping his right hand in his

the man was keeping his right coat pocket.

"Certainly," the boy said. "What is it?"

The man pushed the blanks and the pencil towards him. "I got a line at A——," he said, "wanting an answer. If I don't send it from the next stopping place it won't get to New York in time." He leaned still further over the table and gave an address. Ruggles wrote it down.

"No. Can't do it," the man dictated. "Right hand knocked out. No good for four weeks."

hand knocked out. No good for four weeks."
"Read that over," he said, "low."
Ruggles read it.
"All right," was the comment. "No, sign it

In spite of himself Ruggles started back and stared at the man sitting opposite to him. The name he had given was that of the most famous prize fighter in America, the world's champion



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"I mean I don't think," went on.

went on. "I mean I don't think," he stammered, realizing the impoliteness of what he had said. "Or rather, I don't mean—" "That's all right, boy. Never mind. We can't all be alike," the man said, smiling, but his own face, ruddy as it had been before, flushed a deeper shade. "Sign the message; and then I wonder if you'd step off at this station we are coming to and send it for me. I don't like to trust the brakeman." "Sure," said the young man. "Glad to do it."

Three hours later the train had pulled into

Three hours later the train had pulled into the Grand Central Station and the passengers were crowding out towards 42nd street.

"I leave you here, I reckon," the champion said, reaching out his left hand. "Remember, now, if ever I can do anything for you, let me know. Good by."

John Ruggles had come to New York—as thousands of young men had come before him.

thousands of young men had come before him, as thousands will come after him—to seek that as thousands will come after him—to seek that fortune which every honest, ambitious young man may rightfully believe the world holds for him. He was better prepared for the attempt than many of the candidates, and he realized that fact. He had youth, health, strength, a fair education, and money enough to support him economically for two or three months if he did not get work at once. How fortunate he really was he realized even better, later, when a month had passed and he had not yet got work. It was a warm autumn. People were coming back to the city late that year. Business was slow to start up. Nobody seemed to want to hire more help just then.

year. Business was slow to start up. Nobody seemed to want to hire more help just then. The young countryman did not care so very much. His-money held out well, and he believed that the knowledge of New York which he was getting would be of service to him sometime. He felt that he knew the city pretty well, now, and smiled sometimes to himself, as he thought how much he could tell the fellows back at home about streets, squares. fellows back at home about streets, squares, buildings, people and places which once had been only mysterious names to him.

been only mysterious names to him.

One unusually warm evening he had been tempted to sit out on one of the benches in Madison Square Park later than he had ever stayed there before. Some of the city's myriad lights had been put out, and the street car loads of returning theater goers had gone home. One by one the men who had spent the evening in the park, and who had homes to go to, had begun to disappear in the darkness; and a policeman had made one round to batter awake the homeless ones who planned to spend the night on the park benches.

A stout man on one end of the bench on which Ruggles sat had been asleep for an hour.

A stout man on one end of the bench on which Ruggles sat had been asleep for an hour, his chin drooping forward on his chest. A slim young fellow with thin sharp face, sauntering along the walk with his hands in his pockets, dropped down on an adjoining bench on the other side, stretched his arms above his head and yawned sleepily.

"Can you tell me what time it is?" he asked, turning towards Ruggles.

Swish! Thud!

Three minutes later the young countryman had struggled upright on the seat again, and was pulling out of his mouth a coarse hand-kerchief which had been wadded into it.

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Midnight with well-dressed men and women,
and brilliant with lights which would have
put the tales of Scheherezade to shame. Ruggles walked along, deadly homesick, thinking
how different it all looked to him then from
what it would have looked an hour before,
when he had been happy. What a fool he had
been. That was what cut worst, after all.

Suddenly he saw before him, clear cut in
electric lights which stretched from the roof to
the door of a four story building, a line of
huge letters which spelled out the name of the
man who had sat opposite to him that day in
the train. In and out through the swinging
doors of the gorgeous saloon beneath the sign,
men were constantly passing. Ruggles had

man who has and out through the swinging the train. In and out through the swinging doors of the gorgeous saloon beneath the sign, men were constantly passing. Ruggles had seen the sign many times before, but never had been into the building, and had not seen the champion since that day on the train.

Now the man's words came back to him. "If ever I can do anything for you, let me

know."

He hesitated, walked past the place twice on the opposite side of Broadway, and then crossed the street and went in. The brilliant lights, the mirrored walls, the glistening glasses, the crowds of men, the smoke, confused him for a moment. He never had been in such a place before.

"What's yours?" one of the white clad men behind the bar asked him, as he set a bottle back in its place.

"Nothing," said Ruggles. "I want to see Mr.—Is he here?"

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The man looked at him curiously. "Yes, he's here," he said, "but he's engaged. What do you want?"

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"I want to see him," Ruggles persisted.
"Where is he?"
"In back, there," was the answer, and the

"In back, there," was the answer, and the speaker pointed to an inner room, partly curtained off from the front part of the saloon. Ruggles pushed past the curtains into a richly carpeted room. Big stuffed chairs, upholstered in fragrant leather, were grouped around tables at which men were smoking and drinking. The softly shaded lights flashed back from more big diamonds than the country boy had ever seen before. At one of the tables sat the man whom he had seen on the train. Ruggles touched him on the shoulder.

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"May I speak with you alone?" he said.
The man looked up, wonderingly, at first. Then a light of recognition came into his face.
"Sure," he said. "Sure. Glad to see you. Where have you been all this time? Come this way," and then, as he rose to lead the way to an empty corner, "Excuse me, boys."
The story was an awkward one to tell, but Ruggles waded through it. The man listening to him swore softly to himself two or three times, but made no other interruption until the boy was finished. Then, with his broad back turned to the room so that no one could see what he was doing, he pressed a bill into the boy's hand.

the boy's hand.
"Take that for now," he said. "Call it you borrow it, if you want to. You can pay it back somet ime. It ain't the money we mind, though. It's being done up that way, that cuts. Now listen. Would you know them beats again?"

"I think so. Yes, I know I'd know the big fellow. I saw a scar on his cheek, when the

beam of the search light swept down through

"Yes," replied the boy. "And thank you ever so much." Then he said good night, and

went out.

Every night after that, Ruggles, wearing a false moustache and different clothes from those he had worn the night he had been robbed, haunted Madison Square. It was not long before his search was rewarded. Late one evening the same stout man lounged down on

evening the same stout man lounged down on to a bench and apparently went to sleep, just as he had done before.

Half an hour later, Ruggles and a large man wearing a long overcoat and a slouch hat sauntered up the walk and took seats on each side of the sleeping man. The Square was almost deserted. Watching for a time when the walk from one end to the other was free from passers by the man in the slouch hat reached

most deserted. Watching for a time when the walk from one end to the other was free from passers by, the man in the slouch hat reached out his arms and gathered the sleeper into an embrace like that of a hydraulic press.

"It's all right," he hissed into the captive's ear, when the latter would have freed himself.

"You'll keep quiet all right enough. You know you don't want any row, just as well as anybody else. There'd be more than this boy to make you trouble if you did." Ruggles had pulled off the moustache. "We'll just see what you've got left of his."

The man bit his lips until they bled.

"The ticket for the watch is in my vest pocket," he finally said.

The champion held the thief's hand and directed Ruggles to the pocket, where he found a yellow pawn ticket.

"How about the money?"

"Ispent it," the man said sullenly.

"Of course. But I reckon you've got more by this time. Where is it?" The words were accompanied by a squeeze such as a grizzly bear might have given.

The thief swore with pain. "In my trousers

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pocket," he said. From the bills which he took from that pocket, Ruggles, directed by his companion, counted out as much as had been stolen from

"Git!" said the champion, letting his prisoner go. "Better let my friends alone, after this."
A little later, in the light of a Broadway electric, the young man paid back the bill which the man had lent him a few days before. and tried to tell him how much he thanked

"That's all right," said the man. "I owed you one, anyway: I say," he added," let me help you more. I can give you a good job in that place of mine, any day. Good pay, too." "Thank you," said the young man. "Thank you very much. You're very kind, but I don't think—, I mean I'm afraid I shouldn't want—." He stammered again, and stopped. "I see," said the man, after a minute, speaking slowly, but not unkindly. "I see, I understand. It's not the kind of a place you're looking for."

He reached out his hand and closed that of the boy in its strong clasp.

the boy in its strong clasp.

"It's all right. I hope we can be friends, all the same. Come and see me sometimes. I promise it sha'n't hurt you, and perhaps it 'll do me good."

A minute later he had swung himself on to a cable car and was being whirled off up Broad-

Four Fatal Words.

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MURDERED IN HIS'OWN HOUSE! PRESIDENT LEEDS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK! NO CLEW TO THE ASSASSIN!



HE above startling headlines appeared in a New York paper under the date of November 23, 1893, and following this was a detailed account of one of the most mysterious murders with which the police had dealt in

It seemed that the aged president of the bank was alone in his library, presumably passing a pleasant evening among his books. Other mem-

bers of the family had gone to the theater, the servants, as was their custom, remaining in a remote part of the house. No one was seen to enter or leave the house during the evening, yet shortly before eleven o'clock the banker was found dead before the fireplace, an ugly bullet hole indicating the instrument of death.

Until within a few months of the tragedy there had been in Mr. Leeds' employ, acting in the capacity of butler, a man of the name of Haley. This man had been discharged for some irregularity and threats which he had made within hearing of members of the family and others, caused the finger of suspicion to be pointed to him. Within twelve hours of the discovery of the murder this man was arrested, and being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself and his whereabouts on the night of the tragedy, he was committed to the tombs.

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Neil Hessmer, the detective assigned to the case, secured considerable evidence that pointed strongly to Haley as the murderer, and it was believed that the suspected man would find it difficult to clear himself.

From servants in the employ of Mrs. Leeds it was found that Haley had been seen in the city only once, so far as known, since the day that he was discharged from service. Unfortunately for Haley, this was just at twilight the day that the crime was committed. When searched at headquarters a revolver was found upon his person of the same calibre as that used by the assassin, and this coupled with the fact that he was unwilling or unable to account for the hours between six o'clock and midnight on that fatal day, constituted a large share of the evidence against the man.

Meanwhile, another detective, John Fanshawe, whose services had been secured by Mrs. Leeds, was at work on the case, following up an entirely different clew of which Neil Hessmer had not the slightest knowledge.

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"The morning following my husband's death that parrot said a most remarkable thing," said Mrs. Leeds, talking the case over with Fanshawe, indicating a large parrot that hung in the library. "Only once since the tragedy has the bird spoken, and then it was so loud and spiteful that it frightened the maid so that she will have nothing to do with this room. 'Crapo, I know you!' that was what the bird said and he screamed so loudly that I heard it myself at the other end of the house."

"Did you think that it had some bearing up-

"Did you think that it had some bearing up-

on the case?" queried the detective.
"Yes, I believe it has a direct bearing upon it.
The name is an odd one and the instant I heard it, it flashed upon me where I had heard the name before. Years ago my husband brought about the arrest of a man of the name of Rufus Crapo, and as a result this man served time in prison. I have not seen him from that day to this, but the thought occurred to me that Crapo, prompted by a feeling of revenge, was the man that murdered my husband." "Where did this man live when arrested?"

asked the detective, making notes of what was

"In Chicago; I do not know the street."
"His business?"

"His business?"
"He was watchman at the bank with which
my husband was connected at that time."
That evening Detective Fanshawe took the
midnight express for Chicago, arriving at his
destination on time the following day. It was
his intention to hunt up Crapo, and if he succeeded in locating him, arrest the man on susnicion. picion.

From the authorities the detective learned From the authorities the detective learned that Crapo had served a five years' sentence at Joliet; had returned to Chicago at the end of that time and till within about three years had been drifting about the city from place to place, usually acting in the capacity of servant. Three years since, however, he had suddenly dropped out of sight, and when the detective attempted to locate him he found there was absolutely no tree of the man in the city. solutely no trace of the man in the city. After a week of fruitless search, he gave up the quest, convinced that his man was either dead or liv-

upon reaching New York, the detective learned of something that interested him at once. It was information furnished him by the agent of an express company, the first interesting and important clew that he had run across since him is interesting.

interesting and important clew that he had run across since his interview with Mrs. Leeds. The name R. Crapo was written upon one of the books of the company, indicating the address for delivering a valise.

Going to the street and number given by the express agent, the detective learned that a gentleman of that name had engaged a room there about a fortnight previous and remained three days; since then, however, he had not been seen and his valise still remained in his room.

room.

Having shown his authority, the detective was permitted to examine the contents of the valise, and the first thing that he saw convinced him that he was on the right track—it was a box of cartridges of the same calibre as that used by the murderer. Next, he found a letter addressed to Josiah Haiey, the man now under arrest and being tried for murder. How did Crapo come by this letter, and why had he failed to return for his property when his grip contained such damaging testimony against him?

For a time the detective worked in the dark as it were, searching the city for Crapo, but three days from the time that he located Crapo's

three days from the time that he located Crapo's last lodging-place before committing the murder, as he firmly believed he had done, light broke, and the detective called himself several very uncomplimentary names for not seeing the point at the start.

Meanwhile the trial of Josiah Haley was drawing to a close and in spite of the determined efforts of the state's attorney to convict the man, it seemed more than probable that Haley would escape through lack of positive evidence. evidence

evidence.

It was the last day of the trial. Suddenly a stranger was seen elbowing his way through the crowd of men and women, and coming before the judges, asked to be sworn in.

"Nearly two decades since," said the new witness, addressing the jury, "a young man employed by a bank in Chicago stole several hundred dollars of the bank's funds, and on evidence of the caphier he was apprehended and sent

witness, addressing the jury, "a young man employed by abank in Chicago stole several hundred dollars of the bank's funds, and on evidence of the cashier he was apprehended and sent to prison for a term of five years. Having served his time, this young man went to work, securing the position of hostler, his employer being one of the wealthy men of the city. From place to place he drifted, unable to hold any position for long, and the while a thought rankled within his breast, a hungering for revenge, a desire to wreak vengeance upon the man who brought him to justice.

"Finally he succeeded in locating the man whom he hated, and changed as he was in appearance, for many years had elapsed since he first entered the prison, he succeeded in securing the position of butler in the home of the man against whom he was plotting.

"Two years this man planned and plotted until finally the night came that he put his plans in execution. The master of the house had discharged him some months previous, but that did not hinder the carrying out of his murderous intentions, in fact it facilitated matters. Other members of the family were absent, and stealthily entering the house by an entrance he knew too well, the assassin suddenly confronted the aged man. The banker looked up from his book and saw his former butler before him; but not only did he see Josiah Haley, but Rufus Crapo as well, at last penetrating the disguise of years.

"'Crapo, I know you!' he cried, and an instant later the murder was committed.

"'Arresting Haley, Crapo was arrested; trying Haley, Crapo has been tried; convicting Haley, you will convict Crapo, the murderer of Henry A. Leeds."

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Evidence was given proving Detective Fan-shawe's remarkable words were true and an hour later the case was given to the jury. In less than an hour a verdict was reached—a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.



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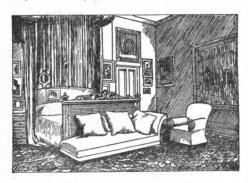
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THE ROOM IN WHICH THE QUEEN DIED.

stroke of apoplexy the Friday previous to her death. On Saturday the news was sent all over the world, which prepared the world for the closing event of this wonderful life; and through Sunday and Monday it was known that Her Majesty was within the valley of the shadow, so that the end on Tuesday was no surprise, it being recognized that her holding out was a mere question of intense vitality.

So full have been the newspaper accounts of the decease of the Queen, and the consequent and subsequent accession to authority of him who has been so long known as the Prince of Wales, Albert Edward, who was proclaimed King Edward VII. upon the day of the death of the Queen, that it is inadvisable to enter into any extended account of these latter days; but it seems fitting to briefly narrate the principal events of this long and distinguished reign, and more especially from the fact that the monarch was a woman and within the period of her reign, for the first time in the history of civilization, womanhood has taken its proper place and proper rights in the social sphere, and that reign, for the first time in the history of civilization, womanhood has taken its proper place and proper rights in the social sphere, and that its advancement has been contemporaneous with the life of this one royal person. It is an event in history which should impress itself deeply upon all those who are able to comprehend it, as being an event marking the termination of one of the most celebrated reigns in the whole annals of history.

Queen Victoria was born May 24, 1819, and at that time was not looked upon as being a probable successor to the throne; but a series of deaths brought her as heir to the throne, on June 20, 1837. A year after that date, June 28, 1838, she was crowned with great demonstration and ceremony in Westminster Abbey. At that time the first steamship had crossed

At that time the first steamship had crossed the Atlantic Ocean at a date almost identical with her inauguration. She entered her reign dicated her good will to the United States.

with Lord Melbourne as Prime Minister, and the first year was much taken up with a war which was being carried on in India. In 1840 she mar-ried Prince Albert, who was there-after known as the Prince Consort. It is the most remarkable phase of Vic-toria's long reign, not-withstanding that she

was a poten-tate of the tate of the most important country in the world, that she grew steadily in grace and favor with the people, and through the whole she appealed not only to her own countrymen but to the citizens of the whole world more in the character of the mother and wife than as Queen. It is hardly remembered as a possible thing at this day that her accession to the throne was by no means popular, and threatened at its commencement very serious difficulties.

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Only in the death of our own Lincoln can we see any appreciation of the sincere and heartfelt sorrow, deep concern, and great sympathy, and a sense of personal loss among all people as has followed the death of Queen Victoria.

Her marriage to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, was brought about largely through her uncle, King Leopold. The Prince was of attractive personality, handsome, cultivated, and most unselfish and engaging. Their marriage without doubt was one of pure affection rather than royal convenience. It is said that throughout his life his whole heart was given to the Queen, and he worked for and thought of nothing else. At that time Parliament and the British people acted toward them ungraciously in allowances, but their love grew and strengthened with every day. The subsequent publication of Victoria's book, giving the Prince Consort's private letters, threw a light, apon, his character that showed to the the Prince Consort's private letters, threw a light upon his character that showed to the world his true worth as a man.

The happiness of the home was a particular trait in which Queen Victoria thoroughly exemplified a natural characteristic of her people, and it was realized in the two country seats, Osborne, where she died, and Balmoral, a castle in Scotland. Osborne was an estate on the Isle of Wight which, by chance, the Prince Consort happened upon as an attractive marine resort. Together they laid out the grounds and a model farm, and between this home and Balmoral most of their time was spent in domestic care and improvement, the same as people in the ordinary walks of life. Their married life was twenty-one years, and the Prince Consort's demise left her inconsolable.

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To attempt to give any part of the historical view of her reign would be giving the world's history of more than half a century. It has been a reign partly peaceful, but interspersed with wars of serious moment, and closing with the unsuppressed war in South Africa. Nothing can indicate more clearly the immense extension of the territory owned by England. In 1837, it owned British North America, English Guiana, and the continent of Australia, and a small portion of India. To-day it owns not only all of these, but the entire country through India, and a large portion of the African con-India, and a large portion of the African con-tinent, besides a majority of the islands in the Pacific.

In the year 1876 the Queen was proclaimed Empress of India in London, which title has since been one of the principal names attached

to the crown.

The most noticeable event, probably of her The most noticeable event, probably of her life, was the tremendous demonstration in the year 1897 on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Naval and military displays, with ships and troops in every part of the Queen's dominions throughout the world, served to enhance the enthusiasm of the British people and give a display unequaled in the rejoicings of any nation of which we have any history. As was stated at the beginning of this short article, the public press has given the world such ample accounts that it seems scarcely necessary to add any review of either the Queen's reign or the later events. The present King, Edward VII., is one of the very few princes of royal blood that have ever visited the United States. In 1860 the Queen gave her royal assent to the Prince of Wales visiting the north British provinces, and it soon afterwards became known through the newspaper press.

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President Buchanan in June, 1860, when it became known that the Prince of Wales was



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EADERS of this column EADERS of this column having no more than a ten by twelve back yard, may yet have something of a garden. Indeed, one may have so mething of a flower garden without either a front or a back yard. A well filled and well cared for window box can be made to produce a great many flowers. The writer once saw a fine flower garden on the flat gravel roof of a

many flowers. The writer once saw a fine flower garden on the flat gravel roof of a house in the tenement part of a city. If, however, you have plenty of ground at your disposal you may have ever, you have plenty of ground at your disposal you may have them in abundance if you will but give them faithful and intelligent care.

In recent years there has been a return to the lovely old flowers of our grandmothers' days in flower gardening, and beautiful flowers they are. Nothing could be more daintily exquisite than the Sweet Pea once so dear to our grandmothers. It is an easily grown flower and is free from insects, but it must be planted very early to make sure of doing its best. One can and should sow seeds of the Sweet Pea just as soon as the frost is out of the ground. This will be by the first of April in even the northern climate. The small, velvety looking brown seeds have remarkable vitality, and a little freezing of the surface of the ground after the seeds are sown will not hurt them in the least. Be sure and sow the seeds at least five inches deep. It is a good plan to dig a trench about six inches deep and sow in it a double row of seeds covering them to a depth of about two and a half inches at first, and filling in the rest of the trench as the plants grow. This will make the plants stronger at the roots. Early planting enables the Sweet Pea to become a strong and thrifty plant before the extreme heat of summer sets in. It is sensitive to the heat, and it is a great drinker. Give it water in great quantities. Do not allow it to become dry around the roots or its vitality will depart not to return. When you see your Sweet Peas turning yellow just above the ground you may be sure that they are suffering from a lack of moisture at the roots. It is difficult to restore them to their former vigor after the yines

them to their former vigor after the vines have once begun to turn yellow. Do not let the flowers form seed pods or the bloom will soon cease entirely.
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One cannot do seeds will make a brilliant and constant display in the flower garden. A small package of seeds will sow quite a large bed, and the number of flowers such a bed will produce is surprising. And it may be that no two of the flowers will be just alike. They are apt to be of every conceivable tint and hue. I once saw a small bed in which there were more than one hundred blossoms, and no two were alike. They were infinite in variety, and it would have been hard to say which was the most beautiful. If you have never had any experience with this beautiful little flower give it a place in your flower garden this summer and it will be sure to delight you.

The Morning Glory is another old-fashioned flower that has again come into favor. It is no longer spoken of as "such a common flower," and there are some new varieties that are extremely beautiful. The Japanese Morning Glories grow like weeds, and send forth thousands of beautiful blossoms. Nothing is better for the lattice work of porches or to grow on a trellis of any kind than the Morning Glory. It makes very rapid growth, and a five-cent package of seeds will give you hundreds of blossoms. Give the seeds ordinary garden soil, plenty of water in times of drouth, and you will have flowers galore.

The nasturtium is another easily grown plant SHIRLEY POPPY.

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The nasturtium is another easily grown plant that is immensely popular and justly so for it is a remarkably prolific bloomer and its flowers are of so many tints and shades. The nasturtium is not a high feeder. Indeed, it will be likely to run largely to leaves if given rich soil. Sow the seeds in only moderately rich soil if you want many flowers. The climbing varieties do not bloom so freely as



bloom so freely as the dwarf plants. The seeds of this The seeds of this beautiful plant are very inexpensive, and the plant is so easily grown that any one can suc-ceed with it. It is

ceed with it. It is admirably adapted to window boxes.

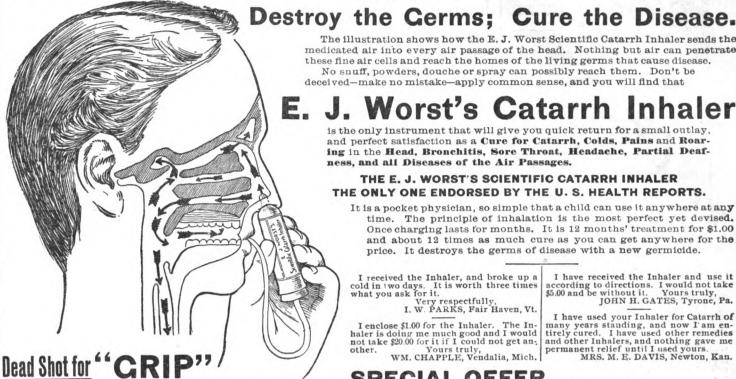
The Aster is another fine flower for late blooming. It is a plant of rather slow growth, but it will be sending forth its number or his

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Grama, but it will be sending forth its purple or pink its purple or pink had their day. The Victoria is a good variety to grow. It grows taller and is more prolific in bloom than many of the low-growing kinds.

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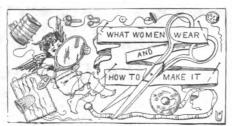
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fashionable, affording a limitless range for the tasteful woman. Rich or exaggerated dress does not imply attractiveness
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made with separate silk lining, trimmed with
a dust ruffle 5 inches wide underneath, and an
accordion-pleated flounce 9 inches wide on top.
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accordion-pleated flounce 9 inches wide on top. There is a strong preference for the softest of silks and satins for dress linings, they cling to the figure so nicely. These clinging linings are especially useful to stout women, and are often substituted for a petticoat. I know a young woman whose hips are rather too large for real beauty, who never wears a petticoat except, of course, with a thin gown, depending on the silken lining of her skirts to fill the deficiency.

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There is a rumor that spring styles are to be simpler, skirts plainer and waists not so lavishly decorated, still this seems hardly likely when one sees the models which have already reached this side and which are marvels of daintiness and elegance and perfect wonders of hand work. French knots, such as are used in embroidery are lavished on waists and coats regardless of the time necessary to do them. One dainty use to which they are put is to dot the panne border on a tucked silk bolero. This border consists of a band of black panne velvet put irregularly along the edge and feather-stitched onto the silk with coarse gold thread, this same thread being used to dot the velvet at regular intervals. Loops of twisted gold cord and tiny, round gold buttons finish the front. A soft, old-fashioned silk, changeable in color, in all the light shades, is among the season's novelties, and is attractively made up into separate bodices and gowns. A dainty gown of this in green and white shades, having a tucked skirt, the tucks stitched to within a short distance of the foot where they flare beautifully, while around the hem of the skirt is a tracery of silver thread and coral beads, a delicious combination. The waist is soft and full with considerable pouch in front, the shoulders embellished with traceries of the silver and coral, carrying out the effect of a yoke.

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About the throat is a stock composed of folded yellow net, arranged at one side in a soft knot with ends falling quite to the waist. This stock is surmounted by a narrow band of coral pink velvet, and a narrow belt of the same give the finishing founds to expelly which contrares. finishing touches to a really chic costume. A

charming bodice in the pale pink shades of this silk is delicately embroidered by hand with white, the daintiness increased by the undersleeves of spotted white net, and the long scarf of net worn at the waist. Among the skirts of the season there is one of

extreme attractiveness because of its newnes

The effect of the skirt is very clinging to the knees, where there is a wide flare, but quite soft in effect as the goods is un-lined. The upper portion of the skirt is cut en princess and reaches almost to the bust, the soft waist blousing over the top a trifle. These skirts are cut in seven gores, which fact simplifies the mat-ter of fitting them properly. With this is worn

With this is worn a very short bolero, hanging quite loosely and provided with elbow sleeves, having large loose cuffs.

Fancy revers are among the attributes of many of the dressy toilettes and there are certainly bits of elegance among them. A beautiful white satin set has a covering of white net to which are applied large flowers of shaded to which are applied large flowers of shaded purple or pink creton, the edges beautifully worked with white silk and gold thread, French knots of white mixed with those of gold scattered over the net, adding to its daintiness. Another handsome set of revers are of black peans velvet combined with white setting. black panne velvet combined with white satin the black showing an elaborate design carried out in steel or gold beads and delicate hand embroidery. Cuffs are to be a feature of the spring toilette when the latter is purely tailor-made. A fascinating set has the broad collar with its square edges, and cuffs of a like shape, finished with an inch wide hemstitched hem.

The effect when worn upon a gown of black or blue is especially natty.

Mohair, the soft, lusterless sort which wears so splendidly, is to be a spring favorite, especially in the shade of dark blue bordering on navy. A smart model made up in this material has a skirt laid in narrow pleats, each stitched with white, and finished with a border of several rows of white stitching along the hem. The pleats run into a small yoke fitted over the hips, which is stitched also. The short, loose Eton has a stitched border running all around it, and a shawl collar of white mohair stitched with blue. Small buttons of silver The effect when worn upon a gown of black or stitched with blue. Small buttons of silver finish the coat. Skirts need quite as much care as bodices, in fact, upon the skirt lies a large share of the success of the gown. The subject of lining stuffs has already

been touched up-on. The majority of skirt linings are made on the drop skirt idea and are finished separately. Some-times hair cloth is used in the drop skirt, and sometimes not, but whenever it does appear, only does appear, only a narrow band is seen. In using hair cloth for this purpose it is well to bind the edges with lining to to bind the cub with lining to prevent them from cutting through the material. In joining the hair cloth

lap the selvedges, and sew together with short stitches. When fastening the stiffening to the foundation a strip of silk should be placed over the hair cloth.

the hair cloth.

A good way to finish the top of a skirt is to cord it. This cording is prepared by covering a strong cable cord of medium weight with a bias strip of thin material, silk preferred, and sewing it to the top of the skirt after the latter has been fitted to the proper size. A linen tape must be sewed along the edge to prevent stretching and to reinforce the cord. A soft leather binding on the edge of a skirt is a stretching and to reinforce the cord. A soft leather binding on the edge of a skirt is a splendid finish. One edge of this binding may be pinked and the other adjusted in the usual manner. This binding is often preferred to any other in so far as it does not wear out easily and is soft enough not to ruin the shoes as so many of the bindings do.

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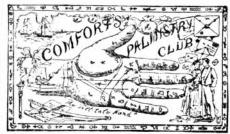


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the above conditions.

To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank paper over a candle or similar flame, until they are heavily coated with the smoke. Then lay these pieces down, smoke side uppermost on a pad of cotton. Now place the two hands, palms downward, one on each sheet of paper, pressing firmly and steadily down, but taking care not to move the hand. Keep them so for one minute and lift carefully, so as not to disturb the impression. Have ready some fixatly, which can be bought at a drug store or an art store or made with gum arabic and vater in an atomizer. Spray this over the impressions before they are moved and allow them to dry. Then they are ready to send.

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Smoked paper impressions are the best. But if it is desired to send a plaster cast, take plaster of Paris and dissolve in water to the consistency of thick cream. Pour this into a large shallow dish and when it is hardening place the hand, well-greased, palm downward, in the plaster, pressing downward. Several minutes will be required to get this impression and great case must be taken in removing the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to send without breaking and should be very carefully packed in a box with the name of the sender written on it. Putly is sometimes successfully used in place of plaster. A good photograph if sufficiently well taken to bring out all the lines, can also be read, although in all cases the smoked paper is the best, if properly treated with fixatif.

Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

HERE are quite a number of hands to read this month and I will proceed to them at once. "November" wants to know if the two marriages which I foretold in the fall are surely to take place. These may be, or one of them at least, close friendships that come into her life

close friendships that come into her life at that time, or some outside influence coming to bear on her life at the time indicated, but these lines are usually read as marriages.

I have often said that I would prefer that you should not have your hands photographed, as a photograph does not bring out the fine lines, and still people keep sending me photographs of hands in spite of my warnings. I have before me a letter of complaint from a young man who says he paid \$1.50 to have his hands photographed and still the reading was not good. Since I have repeatedly stated that it is impossible to give a very good reading from a photograph, I do not see how he can blame me. I do not know that he wants to blame for this is what he said: "You did not say anything I did not know and what you did say was not true." I leave it to you if it does not seem as though he knows a great deal that

say was not true." I leave it to you if it does not seem as though he knows a great deal that is not true.

"Wonder" sends photographs but she also sends some plaster casts as well which makes it much easier to read the hands. There is nothing better than a plaster cast to read, plaster casts and smoke impressions are what I always ask for and am always glad to get. Wonder has a very good hand showing good common sense, energy, intellectual ability and a good disposition. She has a long life and good health up to the age of 55 or thereabouts when she will need to take great care of herself although I think she will live a long time after. Her fate is exceptionally good showing that she will meet with success in all her ventures al-

cess in all her ventures although she will meet with some opposition. She will probably not marry until she is 30 or 33 but she will make a brilliant and happy mar-

and happy mar-riage at that time. She will,

however, outlive her husband and

be a widow for years. The latter part of her life will see her in

excellent cir-cumstances and her life improves

steadily from be-



"WONDER."

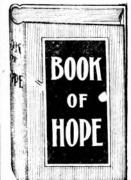
"WONDER." ginning to end.
All the lines in her hand rise, which is an excellent sign. She will travel a great deal, especially the latter part of her life and I see an element of danger from that fact which will not materialize, however, until late in life. There are no startling changes in her life but a steady improvement from the beginning to the end. She is fond of music and of art, and may excel in one of those branches if she chooses.

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excel in one of those branches if she chooses.

"Ricercare" has sent some smoke paper impressions taking care to send several in order that some of them may come through all right. She is a person of emotional tendencies, very upright and straightforward, except that she is inclined to exaggerate things. She sees the truth in a different light from the ordinary human being of a romantic tendency and her enemies will often accuse her of saying things she does not mean. This is because of her natural inclination to exaggerate views. of her natural inclination to exaggerated views and her wonderful imaginative faculties. She and her wonderful imaginative faculties. She has a wonderful degree of imagination, with uncommon originality and a fine power of expressing herself. I would advise her to take up the writing of fiction where she may soon make a great name for herself if she will persevere. She has ample confidence in her own ability, another point in her favor, and while there are several love affairs in her hand, I do not see a marriage, although the lines under the little finger are somewhat blurred. Her nature is such, however, that I think she will remain happier if she keeps single. There is a great future for her as an imaginative writer if she chooses to work for it and I trust that she (CONTINUED ON PAGE 21.)

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list of prize winners when you answer this advertisement. The winners in our Feb. 1st contest will be published in the April edition of all the leading publications.

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THE block square to the left we have printed twenty jumbled letters which we want you to try and arrange. These jumbled letters, when properly arranged, will spell the names of three cities in the world. One city being located in China, one in the United States and the other in North America. In making the names of these three cities the letters can only be used as many times as they appear and no letter can be used which does not appear. When you have found the three correct names you will have used every letter in the twenty as many times as it appears. Realizing that this puzzle is without a doubt the most difficult one ever advertised, we will give a special prize worth \$1\$ to those who cannot find the three correct names, but find only one. Remember that if you find only one correct name you will have the same chance of winning one of the big cash prizes mentioned in the second half of this advertisement. If you send in not cost you any money to try, and if you are a successful contestant there is only one easy condition which will take about one hour of your time, and which we will write you about as soon as your answer is received. We would advise you to get out your geography, atlas or encyclopædia, and look for the names of these three cities at once. The correct names are only known to the President of this Company and his private secretary.

The envelope containing the names of these three cities has been sealed and deposited with a leading safe deposit company in Boston, and will not be opened until the day after the contest closes. This, we believe is the only honest way of conducting a contest, as every one will have an equal chance. In the event of more than one correct answer being received we will request five parties who have answered this advertisement to act as a committee to award the cash pro rata. They will be invited to come to Boston at our expense, and be our guests while in this city. We take this original method of ours of selecting a committee to show our good faith, as we want to t

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"I was eighteen years

old, stout for my age, and I wanted to go to sea. I hired out to ship on a whaler going from New Bedford to Australia, on a three years' voyage. I was hurried off at once. When I reached the ship I was 'advanced' one hundred dollars worth of outfit in what is commonly known as the

on a three years' voyage. I was hurried off at once. When I reached the ship I was 'advanced' one hundred dollars worth of outfit in clothing from what is commonly known as the ship's 'slop chest.' The whole lot would have been dear at \$40.

"The voyage to Australia lasted nine months, during which time I did not step on land. Finally we entered King George's Sound, on the southern coast of Australia, on which is situated Albany, the chief seaport of that part of the continent. It was there that I got my first chance to go ashore. I went to the captain for some money, and what do you suppose be gave me? Eight shillings!

"Think of it! Two dollars."

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"Think of it! Two dollars to celebrate with, after not having been on dry land for almost a

"As a matter of fact it was not the money to celebrate with that I was caring so much for. I had made up my mind long before that to run away the first chance I got. I thought I had had all I wanted of the sea. I knew I would need all the money I could get, in order

would need all the money I could get to help me escape.
"Two dollars was all I got, though. That was all the cash I ever got for that nine months' voyage, and all the pay, expect for the clothes out of the 'slop chest' which I have spoken of already.

"One of the other fellows was going with me, and in town we met two other men who were running away, too, so we threw our lots in to-

gether, made up a party of four, and skipped, hoping to make our way to some port on the northern coast of Australia from which we could ship back home.

"We knew that as soon as our shore leave existed and the did not return to the ship the

northern coast of Australia from which we could ship back home.

"We knew that as soon as our shore leave expired and we did not return to the ship, the police would be notified to watch out for us, seven if the 'black-trackers' were not called out. The latter are natives, the remnant of a force who were trained back in the days when Australia was a convict settlement to run down prisoners who had escaped. They would follow a track as surely as a bloodhound, and more intelligently, since they did not have to depend on secnt alone. Albany was too small a city for us not to be caught there. The only thing for us to do was to strike out from the city.

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"Think of it! There was nothing for me to do, though, and I went on. It was nearly dark.

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"After we had thrown up our job there was only one thing for us to do. We could not go back to Albany, for we would have been arrested at once. The penalty for deserting a ship was three months' imprisonment at hard"

"At that time the railroad which now con-"

nects Albany with Perth and Freemantie, on the northwestern coast, about three hundred and fifty miles away, was being built. Help was searce and in such good demand that we knew if we could reach the construction camps we would have no trouble getting work, and as these camps were then a hundred miles or more inland, be out of the way of the police.

"It has been my experience that almost everybody has a kindly feeling for a sailor when he is so nead in son shore, and helps him when he is get out of the eight out of the city most easily, and also told us how to hunters, a few miles out in the country, who hunters, a few miles out in the country, who who leads the directions of these men, found shelter us for a day or two. We followed the directions of these men, found the morning party, and were taken in by them just as we had been told. Some sheep herders had been told. Some sheep herders helped us out in the same way for another inight. From them we learned that a construction train would start up the line the next morning at three o'clock, carrying men and supplies for the camp. At that time the line had been built about eighty miles from Albany, and the camps were working north of that to meet the other end of the line which was being built down from the morthern terminus.

ours comprised little besides flour, baking powder, tea, and a 'billy-can,' a tin can to make the tea in. The shepherds had showed us how to make 'damper bread,' which campers and outdoor workers depended on almost wholly. This was made by spreading on the ground a piece of stout bagging which appear wholly. This was made by spreading on the ground a piece of stout bagging which every 'swag' contained, and mixing on this cloth flour, baking powder and water to make dough. The lump of dough was coated with clay and put in the embers of a fire in the open air to bake. When it was cooked the clay was brok-en away from the loaf, and the bread was ready to be eaten. It was not so bad as one might think. When we were fortunate enough to get a fowl of any kind it was cooked in the same a fowl of any kind it was cooked in the same way. It was not necessary to take the trouble to pluck the feathers from it. When the clay was broken off it took the feathers with it, leaving the fowl just done to a turn.

"We worked two weeks on the railroad, and

"We worked two weeks on the railroad, and then gave in our time and asked for our pay. We were ready to quit. We had found out that there were worse things in life than sailing on board a whaler. The temperature during the day sometimes went as high as 125 degrees, and the dust which filled our throats and nostrils was so dense that we coughed it up in the control of the ready of the control of the ready of the control of the ready of the read

lost, and would in time reach the port of Freemantle. We started, taking the trail.

"Our two first days' marches were not bad. Then we struck a desert region where it was, as they say there, 'forty miles from water to water.' That meant that we must start at 4. A. M., and walk until 9 P. M., depending for drink upon water which we carried with us. It is so common to have to carry water in Australia that what are called 'water bags' can be bought almost anywhere. These are canvas bags, holding about three quarts. The canvas does not allow the water to leak through, but it becomes saturated, just enough to keep the water in the bag cool, the same as a wet towel wrapped around a pitcher of water will cool the water in the pitcher.

"Each filled his bag, and we started. The road lay through a basin of clean white sand, glaring in the sun. One of our party drank freely of his water as soon as the sun began to grow hot. We told him not to do this, but he would not mind what we said. The rest of us took only a swallow at a time. As a result of asked my way to the water the very first

took only a swallow at a time. As a result of his foolishness we had to nearly carry him the last two hours of the march, and he was half dead at that when we finally pulled into camp. We left him, the next morning, to follow when he could. One of the other fellows hired out to work on a big sheep ranch. That left me with only one companion, and as experience showed me that he was no good I shook him the first chance I got, and went on alone.

"It was not until after I had got started by myself that my money gave out. I had saved it just as carefully as I could, spending it only for food, but finally the last copper went. I had never in all my life asked anybody to give me something to eat, and I had a stiff dislike to coming down to this. I passed one or two

coming down to this. I passed one or two places, looked at the houses, hesitated, swal-lowed my hunger and walked on. Finally my stomach conquered, and I said to myself that I would stop at the next house and ask for food. But I walked on and on, and no house came in sight. After a while I met a man on horse-

as bold as brass.

"'Oh, come off;' he said. 'I've seen too many of the likes of you before this. Say.' he cried, a moment later, 'I believe you're—' calling me by name.
"'No sir,' I said. 'My name is Smith.'

"'Smith be smithed,' says he. 'Where 'd you get that shirt?'

"With that he grabbed my arm, and swinging me around to where the sun shone full in my face, held me with one hand while he drew

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The present tendency to disfranchise the negro by establishing an educational qualification for suffrage, serves as a background to emphasize the success that some men of the colored race achieve. One of the speakers in the great Harvard-Yale debate was Roscoe Conkling Bruce. The annual debate between these two colleges is one of the great literary events of the year. Harvard chose this colored student from the junior class solely for his gifts and capability. He won the Coubertin medal in his freshman year. The medal is offered by Baron Coubertin of Paris, for the best essay on French politics. Three trials are given at Harvard in order to select the debaters for the team. Young Bruce won a prize of \$100 for being named at each of these trials. His father was Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, for many years registrar of the United States Treasury. At one time he was Senator from Mississippi. It was at this time when he was generally recognized as a leader of his people that the elder Bruce began his work in the Senate. He was befriended by New York's brilliant Senator, Roscoe Conkling. Young Bruce was named in honor of his father's friend and promises by his oratorical ability to follow his great name-

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"Speech is silver, silence is golden." It must have been an admirer of the old proverb who spoke of the golden gift of silence. More and more the variety and excellence of the gift are impressed upon the person who is a martyr to the noise that humanity makes. Tongues and turmoil rob life of more than half its peace and all its serenity. The silence that the proverb refers to is the rarest of all. The constant talker with no appreciation of the value of occasional flashes of silence is the greatest affliction that can be endured. He demands and compels your attention; he wastes your time, patience and nervous energy and he gives no return. The constant talker is never a thinker, so that his babble has no value: his talk is never humorous or witty for if he possessed either of these characteristics he would cease to be a noise maker. Conversation as an

magazines and almost hourly newspapers. Comment upon the passing events of the day seems useless when every person of average intelligence is familiar with all the facts. Chief among the sinners of talkers is the person who proceeds to give you the daily news as gleaned from the newspaper and then to illumine the subject by a garbled rehash of the paper's editorial comment. Pages could not enumerate the variety of torture that the constant talker inflicts upon the world-verily, "Silence is golden."

The recently elected House of Commons of England makes a remarkable showing in the number of literary men who have been elected to a seat. Over sixty names are to be found of men prominent in journalism or as writers of history, novels or books on science. Among the best known names are those of Balfour, John Morley, Lecky, James Bryce and Mr. Gilbert Parker, the novelist. Any notable success in literature seems to be an Open Sesame to the franchises of the English people. This may in part be accounted for by the fact that members part be accounted for by the fact that members of parliament do not necessarily reside in the section which they represent. Our custom of choosing only residents of a congressional district while it is not required by the constitution had its origin in a practical idea that a representative could best serve the interests of a familiar constituency. This is wise but it proves a limitation on the number of desirable candidates. In England any man who succeeds in distinguishing himself becomes widely known and in case he has the wish for political life he has as many chances to secure an election as there are seats in parliament. In our country no man whose name came through his literary ability has ever used his celebrity as a stepping stone to a place in the House. Men like Henry Cabot Lodge have been known through their literary work. Some of our diplomats and foreign ministers like Lowell and Hawthorne have won notice through literary success, but the difference from a literary point of view between our House of Commons is wide enough to arrest attention and incite discussion. enough to arrest attention and incite discus-

enough to arrest attention and incite discussion.

One of the most noticeable features of the year has been the steady advance along the lines of altruistic effort. Libraries, picture galleries, evening schools and free lectures are to be found in the large cities and these advantages are free to the poorest people of the cities. Music in the open air, recreation parks and open air gymnasiums are provided during the summer. While all this interest and care is commendable in the dwellers in cities there has not been a corresponding interest shown in the mental welfare of those who live upon farms or in hundreds of small villages. These people of an intelligence superior to that of thousands of the cities are absolutely cut off from the pleasures and opportunities so freely furnished in cities. Many of these people are dying of intellectual inanition. They never have the opportunity of seeing a really fine picture, of listening to good music or of reading books other than those they feel able to purchase. Art and music may not be easily supplied but good literature can an't should be furnished. A few States have established traveling libraries. In New York they are supplied by the S ate. New Jersey also gives some small State aid in this direction while some of the Western States make a slight provision for traveling libraries. In Pennsylvania they are supported by private contributions and so successful have they been that the contributions and number of libraries have been largely increased during this winter. A demand for libraries from the farmers of any State would result in their general adoption. If some of the men who are giving millions to the endowment of colleges and stationary libraries could be brought to see the needs of the country districts a vast amount of good would be accomplished. A library of fifty volumes located in some central farm house and free to all the neighborhood would accomplish far more than the endowment of a chair in college, If the people demand these libraries they will secure

The question of restricting the suffrage in the United States is developing discussion along one line, while the question of extending suffrage by enfranchising women is exciting no less interest among students of political economy. Our experience as colonies furnishes precedent for both sides of what seems an innovation from the modern point of view. Suffrage had not in Colonial days its present wide general extent to all male inhabitants over twenty-one who are citizens of the United States. The northern or New England states refused the suffrage to those who were not members of the Puritan church, and the Southern colonies made property holding a qualification for voting. At the same time the right to vote on questions relating to taxes was given to unmarried women and widows who were property holders. After the establishment of property holders. After the establishment of the Constitution the tendency was to extend the Constitution the tendency was to extend the privilege of suffrage and the property qual-ifications for voting or office-holding was re-moved, Rhode Island being the last state to abolish it. A few states retained a restriction, Connecticut and Massachusetts having limit-ed the right to vote to those who could read and write. In general, idiots, paupers and lun-atics are excluded and some states exclude those who bet upon election and duelers. The tendency within the last few years has been to provide an educational qualification. This has been more evident in the Southern States and provide an educational qualification. This has been more evident in the Southern States and result in disfranchising the negro and practically evading the spirit of the last three amendments of the Constitution. Side by side with this tendency to limit the suffrage has developed the idea of extending it by omitting the question of sex as a qualification. In four states of our union—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Idaho, women enjoy full suffrage, while of the entire forty-eight states and territories only fifteen are without some form of suffrage granted to women. In many states it is limited to school suffrage, in others to municipal suffrage, and in others to county suffrage. The two changes noted show distinct advance in national sense of the qualifications of a voter. The idea that sex should restrict the privilege of the consent of the governed is one that must yield to the advance of modern ideas. When each state shall furnish full, free and adequate means of obtaining an education to every perart seems to be lost in these days of books, means of obtaining an education to every per-

son, an educational qualification should be demanded as a necessary equipment of those who are to select the law-makers, rulers, and judges of the land. The new century will see these changes advanced along the two lines indicated—extension of suffrage gained by removing a sex qualification and limitation of suffrage gained by adding an educational qualification.

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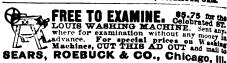
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O many requests come for something new in the salad line that we will devote our space this month to salads of the various kinds and the appropriate dress-

ing and garnish to serve with each. While our readers who live in the North may not at present be able to use some of these recipes, on recount of the high prices of fruits and

vegetables during the cold season—there are so many readers who live in the South, where fresh vegetables may be had for a moderate price at all times, that we give these recipes now, knowing that later in the season they will also be welcome to our Northern readers.

SPINACH AND EGG SALAD.

Cook spinach and when soft drain and chop fine. Season with salt, pepper and lemon juice and press into a mould. When cold, turn onto a bed of shredded lettuce and around the edge of dish place a ring of the whites of hard boiled eggs cut in slices. In the center of each slice put a spoonful of mayonnaise dressing. Press the yolks through a sieve and sprinkle over the top of the mound of spinach.

CHEESE AND OLIVE SALAD.

Mix together two neufchatel cheeses, one cup young America cheese grated, and six olives, stoned and chopped. Season with salt and paprica, moisten with cream, press and cut into squares. Serve on fresh lettuce leaves and pour over a generous supply of French dressing.

SCALLOF AND TOMATO SALAD.

Clean and parboil one pint scallops; add juice of one lemon, cover and let stand an hour. Drain, dry between towels, season with salt and pepper. Dip each scallop in crumbs, egg and crumbs again, and fry in a basket in deep fat. Cool, cut each scallop in halves, pile in the center of dish and around the edge place slices of tomato. Over all pour French dressing, and around the edge of dish put small sprigs of parsley. parsley.

OYSTER AND GRAPE FRUIT SALAD.
Parboil one pint oysters, drain, cool and remove tough muscles. Remove the pulp from three grape fruits and drain. In re-

moving the pulp, leave the skin in perfect shape, so that the salad may be served in the halves. Mix pulp and oysters and pour over the mixture a dressing made as follows: Mix six
tablespoons tomato ketchup,
four tablespoons
grape fruit juice.



GRAPE FRUIT.

four tablespoons grape fruit juice, one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, a few drops tabasco sauce and salt to taste. Fill the halves of fruit skins with the mixture, and place in the center a piece of curled celery. Serve on a small plate, on a fringed or embroidered doiley, with a fork, individually. dividually.

CORN SALAD.

Drain one can corn, moisten with French dressing and arrange on a bed of lettuce, chicory or parsley.

SWEETBREAD AND CUCUMBER SALAD. Parboil one pair sweetbreads, cool and cut in small pieces; add an equal quantity of cucumber cut in small cubes, and one-half cup thick cream beaten until stiff; add one-half table-spoon granulated gelatine dissolved in two tablespoons boiling water. Combine mixtures, add salt and paprica to taste, and two tablespoons vinegar. Mould, chill, cut in cubes and serve on a bed of chicory and garnish with

TOMATO MAYONNAISE. powdered sugar and a few grains cayenne. Add two egg-yolks and one and one-half teaspoons vinegar. Add gradually one cup olive oil, and as mixture thickens dilute with lemon juice and vinegar, using one tablespoon of each. Add enough tomato ketchup to color.

FRUIT SALAD.

Cut Tangerines in thin slices crosswise; add prunes cooked in wine, Malaga grapes skinned and seeded, and brandied peaches, and put all in a glass dish. Serve cold. Pour over all

WINE DRESSING.
Mix one-half cup sugar, one-third cup sherry
wine and two tablespoons Madeira.

FRENCH DRESSING. Mix three-fourths teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon paprica, two tablespoons lemon juice



SPINACH AND EGG SALAD.

and four tablespoons olive oil. Vinegar may be used instead of lemon juice if desired.

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BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

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new and startling objects and wonder follows wonder in such rapid succession that we have in a sense become blase from the actual impossibility of "keeping track" of what scientific genius envolves. It was to be expected in the natural order of development, automobilism would not stop until the whole domain of traction and propulsion by artificially generated power should be completely conquered, and the hitherto indispensable animals, such as the horse, mule, ox, donkey and all of that genus, should be relegated to the rear. But as is usually the case, when theory becomes an actuality, the concrete invention was received with a start of surprise.

Everybody is aware of the immense strides made by artificial locomotion in the past two years, but few recall that, while automobilists may now be numbered by thousands and self-propelling vehicles are to be seen on every hand, a very successful automobile omnibus was running in Paris twenty-five years ago. The French have led in the race from the beginning, and the first long road journey for automobiles was that from Paris to Brest in 1891. Three years later a series of auto races was initiated, and in 1896 was formed the Automobile Club, which now contains more than twenty-two hundred members. A recent estimate places the amount of capital employed in the manufacture of automobiles in France alone at more than \$2,000,000 and the number of workmen at two hundred and fifty thousand. This country is pressing the Frenchmen hard in the matter of speedy and elegant vehicles, as well as in the aggregate of capital and skilled workmen employed, while England is a close in the matter of speedy and elegant vehicles, as well as in the aggregate of capital and skilled workmen employed, while England is a close third in this production and use of automobiles. The vast number of millionaires and men of leisure in this country has given rise to numerous competitors for the honor of having the greatest number of "chaffeurs" or gentlemen stokers, but so far France can boast the most daring and expert drivers in the world.

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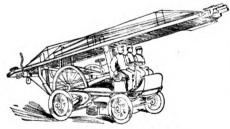
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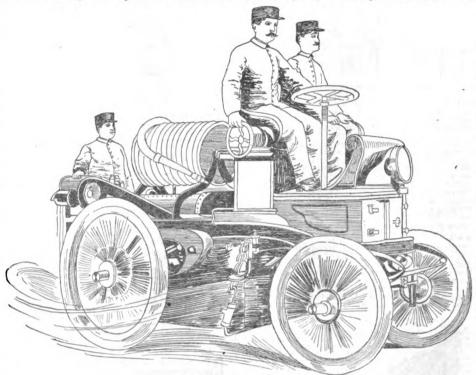
There are differences of opinion as to the relative merits of the various motor forces employed, and each type, whether of the steam, gasoline, petroleum, liquid air, or electric, has its votaries. For long journeys it is universally conceded that steam or gasoline is preferable, but for territory where the "radius of action" is not large—that is, the distance to be covered does not exceed forty or fifty miles—the electrically propelled vehicle is excellent. For hauling freight long distances over good roads, the French have constructed immense gasoline locomotives of great strength and cost, which

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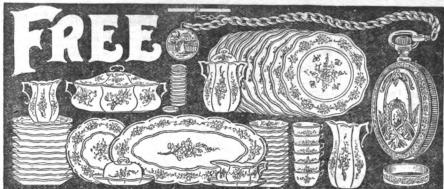
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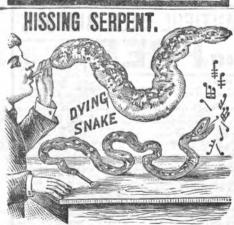
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HE Speculum for the Lunation or New Moon this month, which occurs at about a quarter before 8 o'clock in the morning of the 20th of March, 1901, Wash in gt on Time, is rather an important one, as it occurs so near to the time of the Ingressor birth of the new Astrological year. The 8th degree of Taurus will be rising and the 23rd degree of Capricorn will be culminationand will be nearly in conjunction with the great benefic Jupiter. Herschel will be in the 8th house while Mars will stand in Leo, in the 5th house, retrograde. The lunation falls in the 12th house and Venus and Mercury will be in the 11th.

The indications of the figure are in the main good. Venus, ruler of the scheme, stands in benevolent aspect with Saturn, who is ruler of the Midheaven, showing harmony and satisfaction between the people of the country and the constituted rulers. Mercury in the 11th house, ruler of the Nation's treasury, has the powerful rays of benevolent Jupiter and in harmony with Venus, ruler of the people. This indicates legislation by Congress for the best interests of our people in a financial sense though the square of Herschel points to some unusual interference and criticism of the course of the administration by eccentric or erratic individuals.

The progress of the Nation continues steadily onward among the powers of the world. Our foreign commercial interests are broadened; the merchant marine is encouraged in growth and our importance among nations receives constantly increasing recognition. The four great planets Neptune, Herschel, Saturn and Jupiter will be nearly together, high in declination this year and we may reasonably look for some unusual atmospheric and earth disturbances, probably some marked earth tremors, tidal disturbances and electrical phenomena in various regions of the earth. Herschel in the 8th indicates sudden death among our public men where least expected. Mars in the 5th, retrograde, in the fiery Leo leads to the apprehension of some bad catastrophe to a hotel, theater, or school by fire in

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1901.

APRIL. 1—Monday. Give attention to routine matters principally on this day, and particularly such as have relation to houses and lands or their products or improvement; but do not make any beginning of consequence even in these matters; avoid any contract-making, nor should dealings be had with public officers or corporate authorities; beware of any deal concerned with patents, copyrights, trade-marks or novelty wares; do not travel or solicit favor from state or municipal authorities; literary affairs do not meet success and those engaged on the public press will not find favor from general readers.

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2—Tuesday. Beware of making any extensive purchases of merchandise or entering upon any new financial enterprise on this or the following day; goods in trade purchased at this time are likely to constitute a large part of what is known as "shop worn stock" or hang heavy on the hands; this is especially true of all the classes of fancy or artistic goods or such as gratify or amuse.

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2—Wednesday. Have no transactions with banks or other monied institutions on this day; buy only those things which are indispensable, and as few as possible of those; and do not look for increase of wages or promotion in thine employment; avoid all dealings pertaining to real estate; shun the broker, landlord, agriculturalist and all purchases of farm or mine products or building materials. This is an extremely unfortunate birthday anniversary and cautions all claiming it to be more than ordinarily watchful of any venture offering; let them act conservatively in all their affairs, not venturing any spare capital in new enterprises and watching all the corners in their established business, iest bad leakages and losses come at this period. This is also true of persons born in the first few days of January, July, or October, of past years; and such persons equally with those claiming this day, should safeguard the health and be prudent in their affairs for some time to come; marriageable ladies, so born, had better avoid any matrimonial alliance at this time if they would consult their future happiness and prosperity; many ladies, so born, who have already taken steps towards matrimony, will find themselves disappointed from broken pledges or through the serious misfortunes of their intended partners; married ladies, so born, are likely now to be having unpleasant experiences with their husbands or in sharing the misfortunes that fall to the lot of those near or dear to them; they will need to exercise patience, extend sympathy and show their courage in assisting their male relatives at the present/uncture in their affairs. To all these persons the passing time is a trying one, yet they should not be discouraged at disappointments which are only temporary, for the clouds will soon roll away and disclose the bright sunshine beyond.

4—Thursday. Th

6—Saturday. Quite a favorable day for the general affairs of life, though not for making commencement of any new venture of magnitude; give attention to minor or routine transactions connected with accounts, collections, literary work and mental efforts; the evening is best for correspondence and mathematical labors.

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7—Sunday. An unfavorable Sabbath day, in which crosses and unpleasantness are likely in clerical affairs; males born about the dates indicated in the 3rd paragraph should see to it in these passing weeks that business ruptures and changes do not come from acts of theirs and should not at this time begin important undertakings but be satisfied with their present lot rather than seek now to improve it by new ventures.

S-Monday. Choose this day for urging thy labors in the elegant and artistic walks, for musical efforts, painting, decorating and the fine arts generally, though caution is urged against extravagance in expenditures for such purposes; be slow to follow the impulses towards intemperate gratifications of either taste or appetite.

9-Tuesday. Improve the middle hours of the day for all ingenious and mechanical trades and avocations and especially for chemical experiments and processes; the noon time invites caution in literary matters when

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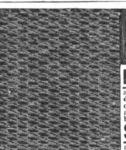
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10—Wednesday. The day is indifferent, though the afternoon will be likely to quicken the temper and promote disputes; have care in this respect.

11—Thursday. The early forenoon should be given every preference for all honorable transactions; make no engagements towards wedlock nor expect any success in the elegant pursuits or from dealings in dry goods or fancy or ornamental wares. REGULUS especially advises the fair not to let wealth tempt them to wed in these passing days, especially where there is much disparity of years, for disappointment and unhappiness are likely to fall to their lot particularly if their birthday anniversaries fall about the 5th of January, 3rd of April or the 8th of October, of past years.

12—Friday. Begin this day early and urge thy several pursuits vigorously during the forenoon when all engaged in literary and scientific pursuits and especially in legal, judicial and ecclesiatical affairs, should be particularly active; prosecute mathematical studies, sign deeds, execute writings and do important correspondence; urge sales of fancy goods and fine wares.

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13—Saturday. Give preference to the afternoon for all dealings with public authorities and with large corporations or their officers or employees.

14—Sunday. A day of no special promise, though the morning is peculiarly conducive to rashness, peevishness and excitability; guard the temper in the forenoon.

15—Monday. Choose the middle hours of this day for the most vigorous prosecution of business; for buying goods for trade and all classes of money transactions; making collections and soliciting favor from persons of wealth and station; ask no favor from thy superior in the forenoon.

16—Tuesday. Urge all manner of business with vigor on this day; deal with booksellers, publishers, stationers, and all engaged in the intellectual pursuits; thy mental efforts in the late hours of the day will be productive of advantage and give credit and satisfaction.

17-Wednesday. Look sharp here or thy riches will take to themselves wings; be sure that thy purchases are for actual needs; loan no money nor become bound as surety.

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18 — Thursday. Choose the forenoon hours for dealings with those employed in matters pertaining to amusements, wearing apparel and house furnishings or decorations; engage with thy tailor, dressmaker, or milliner, and do all things requiring the exercise of special taste; let the musician and artist improve the moments of this day to the utmost, buy fancy goods and fine wares for trade. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday, the tender sentiments are likely to be pleasantly enlisted and agreeable advances in courtship or more enjoyable marital or social experiences come in these passing weeks. The forenoon of the day offers better than ordinary promises of prosperity and happiness to those them marrying; unless, indeed, the nativities of the parties are radically opposed; urge thy suit with the fair sex and seek healthful recreation and pleasure from the dramatic, musical, artistic or social entertainment.

19—Friday. Drive thy business vigorously on this day; have money dealings and trade in real estate, boots and shoes, wool, lead, coal, and all classes of building materials.

20-Saturday. Disputes are likely to mar the events of this day unless the tongue be held under control; defer correspondence and do not too freely expend thy

21—Sunday. Influences are adverse to best advancement of religious interests and church matters though conducive in eloquent pulpit utterances and mental efforts; avoid the society of very aged persons in the evening.

evening.

22-Nonday. Improve every moment of this day for dealings in metals, machinery, chemicals, and cutlery, also for the pursuit of the mechanical trades and inventions; seek no favors at the hands of superiors; music, art, and the drama will be especially enjoyable during the afternoon and evening.

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The Curse of the Pueblos' God.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY BOURDON WILSON.

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HY, Bob Davis! Don't you know that's nothin' but a fairy tale? There never was any such a mine, an' so of course you can't find it. What's gone wrong with your head that you, of all men, should be goin' on such a rainbowchase as this?" "You don't know

everything, Dan," Davis returned, chuckling at the astonishment showing in his partner's face; "there's more in that yarn than you think for, an' I'm goin' to find out just what it amounts to. It won't

cost much to run down an' look the country over, an' if there ever was such a mine, I'll find it; you can gamble on what led those old Dons to it 'll carry me to it. Of course, if I find it's nothin' but a rainbow, I'll just drop it an' come back home."

"All right, go ahead, I knew it wouldn't do any good for me to say a word," Dan replied, dryly. "You ain't the only fool to go up against those Mexican lies, an' that's about all the satisfaction you 'll get out it. I know, for I've been there myself." And he took up some papers that were lying before him on his desk.

The mine of which they were speaking was El Tablon, one of the lost Spanish mines of New Mexico. These mines had much to do with the making of the early history of New Mexico. When the Spaniards discovered the valley of the Rio Grande, they found it occupied v a docile, peace-loving people, the Indians called Pueblo; and when they discovered that the mountains flanking the valley were rich in silver, they enslaved these Indians to work the mines that were speedily opened. A silver flood that astounded the world was the result. but at what a cost of misery, of suffering, of life, it was produced, the world knew nothing. For a hundred years the helpless Pueblos patiently bore their lot, and then suddenly rose in rebellion, massacring the most of the Spaniards, and sweeping the rest back into Mexico. Having in mind their enforced adoption of the Christian religion, and their suffering in the mines, they next turned their fury against these; they destroyed the churches and monastaries, and with them all their books and records; and they hid the mines, filling them with rock and earth, or covering them over, and obliterating or carrying far away everything that might have led to their rediscovery. To prevent the betrayal of their secret, the old medicine-men now invoked the aid of their gods, and their chief deity, speaking through the lips of his cratty priests, laid a curse of death and perpetual exclusion from Shipupalima, the Pueblo heaven, upon whom-

abouts of the mines. Many years passed, and then the Spaniards returned, again conquering the Pueblos, but it was to discover that the mines could not be found, and that neither torture nor death would serve to wring the secret of their location from Pueblo lips. And so the Spaniards lost them, but their memory is still preserved by the simple New Mexicans and that had inspired Davis with the hope that he might find El Tablon, which was accounted the richest mine of them all.

And Davis was just the man to succeed in such an undertaking; shrewd, persevering, and seldom taking chances when the odds were against him, he had accumulated considerable money in the mining business, a business which has brought ruin to thousands of other men. As with all other successful men, there were a few who looked with envious eyes upon his success, and these were won't to hint myst riously at dark, unscrupulous deeds in his past; but to the majority of those who daily frequented the Denver Mining Exchange, he was known as a good business man who did nothing more dishonest than to do business in a business-like way.

Heedless of Dan's prophecy of failure, he went to New Mexico and quietly established himself in Los Gatos, a sleepy little Pueblo, near which the tradition located El Tablon, and as quietly began a careful examination of the hills and mountains around about. He was a skillful prospector and practical geologist; nevertheless, so well had the Indians done their work he searched in vain, finding neither the mine nor indications that might lead him to it; but he did discover evidence that it was not mythical, bits of slag from a primitive smelter, and pieces of rich ore, and so he kept up his search. Tramping alone day after day gave him opportunity for a deal of hard thinking, and he finally reached the conclusion that, while the natives might be unable to find the mine themselves, they must have received from their ancestors knowledge of it that he could turn to good account; and he set himself the task of learning all that they knew concerning

He told Dan of this in his next letter, to which Dan answered, "Don't be too sure of pumping your greasers; they're mighty smooth people themselves, and I'm thinking you'll get nothing more than a song-and-dance-or maybe a knife stuck in your gizzard. You'd better let them alone; I know the breed."

And Dan was right; the people of Los Gatos, like other New Mexicans, were of mixed Spanish and Pueblo blood, and, as a deal of Pueblo superstition goes with even the faintest strain of Pueblo blood, in spite of their implicit faith in the teachings of the Roman church they greatly feared the Pueblos' gods; and remembering the curse that lay upon the mines, they carefully kept from Davis whatever they may have known of El Tablon. Thus baffled, he became disheartened and was on the point of giving up, when he struck a new and promising lead.

Living in a little adobe house that stood in a clump of cottonwoods a short distance from Los Gatos, was a half-breed Pueblo, Ramon Garcia by name, whose occupation was herding goats. He had been brought up by his mother as a member of her tribe, and, when he reached the age of manhood, had been initiated into the mysteries of the Pueblos' religion, thereby learning all of their secrets. Later on he married a Mexican woman, and went to Los Gatos to live with her people. His wife was now dead, and only Panchita, his daughter, was living with him. Panchita was a pretty girl, having inherited Spanish features with her Spanish blood; and she was not entirely uneducated, a kind-hearted priest having taught her to read and write.

Happening to pass Ramon's house one day, Davis saw Panchita standing in the door, and struck by her prettiness rode up to ask for a drink of water; she brought it to him, and then stood answering his questions, artlessly telling him all that she knew concerning her father's life. He was overjoyed; here at last was one who could tell him of El Tablon, if anybody could; but when he asked to see Ramon, Panchita told him that he was gone to the hills with his goats, where he took them every day to graze. Though disappointed at the moment, Davis soon found cause to congratulate himself upon this circumstance.

As he rode on home, his busy brain had fresh plans made, and that night he wrote to Dan to tell him of these. "If I can get Ramon to talk," he said, "I'll have a cinch on finding the mine; the Pueblo priests know where it is, if anybody does; but there is where the trouble comes in; he's an Indian, and you know how close-mouthed Indians are. However, I have a scheme that I am sure will win out, but I'll have to play mighty careful cards; it is to work him through his daughter. My game is to get her in love with me, and, if she is as Spanish in nature as she is in looks, I'll soon have that done, when the rest will come easy-she'll pump Ramon for me."

Dan answered, "You'd better take the advice of an older fool and let that little Mexican girl alone, or else she'll send you home in a box. I know their style, and speak from a little experience of my own; they won't stand monkeybusiness in their love affairs, and it'll surprise soever should reveal to a white man the where- | you how handy they are with a knife."

Davis laughed when he read this, wondering what Dan's experience was, but paid no attention to his advice. He now went every day to Ramon's house, filling Panchita's pretty head with stories of the gay world beyond Los Gatos, and praises of her beauty; and within a month she loved him with all the ardor of her passionate race, and one day promised to marry him.

As long as he lives, Davis will remember that day and scene; throwing her arms around his neck, she whispered, "I do love you! Madre de Dios, I love you with all my heart and soul! And you?-Tell me that you will always love me, my darling. God of my soul, I would wish to kill you if ever you should not!" He shivered apprehensively, remembering Dan's warning, but the next moment recovered his self-control and began pouring into her ears promises of eternal constancy.

He wrote Dan of his successful love-making. adding, "I can't help but feel sorry for the silly little creature, she thinks so much of me, but then she is only a greaser, and so I'll not let that stand in my way."

To which Dan answered, "I hope you see your way clear to getting rid of your little greaser; I don't, and I wouldn't stand in your shoes for two silver mines. You'll find her a d-d sight harder to shake than to catch-it was that way with me."

A few days later he had another letter from Davis, telling him that Panchita had promised to pump her father concerning El Tablon. "She kicked clear out of the traces at first," he said, "not because she didn't want to help me, but because she was afraid the curse of those old Pueblo gods would fall on me. I am getting a little anxious as to what she may do when she gets onto my game, and so I want you to arrange to come here at a moment's notice; when I find the mine, I want you to take charge of it, so I can fly out without loss of time."

But the winning of Panchita seemed to put Davis no nearer to El Tablon; she reported that her father shook his head when she questioned him, saying that he knew nothing of the mine, farther than that it was accursed. Several days passed without anything being accomplished, and Davis was beginning to think of giving up his quest, when he received a letter that caused him to determine to do so, and to leave Los Gatos at once. This letter was from his wife, announcing her intention of joining him if he could not immediately return home. If there was anybody of whom he stood in awe, it was his wife; he wondered uneasily if she had heard of Panchita, and dreading the consequences should she come to Los Gatos and learn of his relations with the girl, decided to start for home the next morning.

He was packing his things when his door opened, and in walked Panchita, carrying a roll of discolored parchment, which she eagerly offered him, saying that it was about El Tablon. She made her father drunk, she explained, and while in that condition he had told her where to find the parchment. Instantly Davis forgot all about his wife and going home; opening the parchment, one glance told him that it was a rude map of the surrounding country, and half an hour's study of this and the crabbed Spanish text accompanying it told him just where to look for the mine.

Panchita did not wait for him to finish his examination of the map, but stole quietly out; and he was relieved to find her gone when he at last raised his head. Putting the map in his pocket, he wrote two telegrams, one to Dan, telling him to come at once, the other to his wife, telling her that he would start for home in a few days, and then hired a man to take him to the railroad, twenty miles away. This done, he at once began preparing to go to the mountains; the hour was too late for him to get back before night, and, intending to camp wherever darkness might find him, he was rolling his blankets, when he was startled to find his wife's letter had disappeared.

Could Panchita have taken it? he asked himself, cursing his carelessness in leaving it lying on his bed where she could see it. And then came a reassuring thought; what if she had taken it? it was hardly possible that she could read Spanish, much less English, and so would be unable to learn what it contained. But this was followed by another troublesome thought; she might get somebody to translate the letter for her-a priest for instance-she was a devout Catholic, he knew-and before starting he carefully saw to it that his revolvers were in good condition.

An hour's ride carried him to a wild spot in the mountains, where he left his horse and proceeded afoot, climbing the steep side of a mountain that towered far above him. When about half way up he stopped to consult the man: the sun had set, and it was already so dark that he could scarcely see to read. Then he went to a huge rock that stood not far away, and looking northward, singled out a snow capped peak that stood in that direction, and walked straight toward it, carefully spacing and counting his steps. Presently he stopped at a large, flat rock which lay partially buried in the earth; he had found El Tablon-the rock covered its entrance.

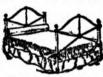
Forgetful of everything else, he was kneeling the view of putting in a blast to open the mine, SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO,

when he heard a soft footfall behind him turning his head, he found Panchita, bending

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Davis did not spend that night in the mountains as he had intended; instead, he galloped back to Los Gatos, and happening to look on the floor behind his bed, found his wife's letter lying there. He went home the next day, Dan having arrived; and, as he and his wife are now numbered among the American residents of Paris, it is reasonable to presume that El Tablon lost nothing in richness during the many years that it remained closed.

A Modern Pocahontas.

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T was in the far west, where trails were few and far between and the grave that caught my eye would not have been seen had not a deer that I had shot fallen near it.

Near where lay the dead buck, a white object riveted my attention; what was my surprise to find s well-cared for grave. It was marked by a marble tablet upon which I read:

"MYRTLE, Self-Sacrificed."

My guide told me that he knew the story of the grave; yet his frank confession that it cut him deep to tell of it, prevented my asking

more of him and my mind began to weave its own sad romance about poor Myrtle.

"Do you see that mountain up yonder?" broke in the guide.

"Yes, and is that not a cabin upon it?"

"It is, and in that cabin lives the man who has the best right to tell you the story of this grave.

"Half a dozen years ago this grave was dug, and there was a thriving settlement just beyond where our camp is; but the Indians were hostile and the settlers moved nearer to the fort for protection."

After a moment, the guide continued:

"The man living on yonder cliff is my brother, several years younger than I am though you would not believe it, for his hair is as white as snow. Would you like to go up and see him, for he may tell you the story?"

I expressed a desire to go up to the little cabin on the cliff and meet his hermit brother, and the guide led the way.

The cabin was well built, so situated as to command a vast sweep of landscape and it looked comfortable.

"Ho, Alfred-" called out the guide and a faint voice within answered:

"Come in, Ned."

The hermit was there lying upon his bed and a glance showed him to be a sick man.

"Poor Alfred, you are ill."

"I have been for some days, Ned, scarcely able to get about, and I am glad to see you."

"I am camped near the old settlement, guiding a hunting party and this gentleman is one of the outfit, a writer, picking up notes for a book, I believe."

The hermit held out his hand and gave me a cordial greeting; but I noticed that he was burning with fever. I had some knowledge of medicine, and I asked the guide to return to our camp, several miles distant, and secure certain remedies as well as other things to make the unfortunate man comfortable.

In a couple of hours the guide returned, and I was glad to feel that I could render some service to the unfortunate recluse.

Leaving the hunting party to go without me, as they were to return that way within a few days, I was glad to devote myself to nursing the hermit back to health once more.

In a few days the hermit was himself again and from his lips I had heard the sad story of the grave.

When I too am at rest, it will not matterthe story may be told, but not before," he said. To-day Alfred Moore rests in the valley and I feel at liberty to make known the tragedy

that marred two lives.

A well-to-do community of men, women and children were the people of the Bennings Settlement, conscious of their own strength, their capability to make a garden spot out of a wilderness while relying upon themselves alone

for defense against the redskins.

Disgruntled.

Men Who Manufacture Misery.

The disgruntled man, the man who is sulky and dissatisfied under all conditions and circumstances, is to be found everywhere. Even at the seaside where he has gone for rest and recreation you'll find him surly and sulky, grumbling at the weather, the people, the hotel accommodations, the board, and everything else. His scowling, sullen visage checks the flow of talk at the table, and hushes the prattle of playing children. Now and again one gossip says to another, "The old chap's liver must be out of order." Somebody else says, "Perhaps he's suffering from kidney trouble." And a majority incline to the opinion that it's "just dyspepsia." And as it happens they are all of of the stomach and other organs of digestion them right. His liver is sluggish. His kid- and nutrition, enables the perfect digestion and



neys are disordered. His blood is necessarily poisoned, by accumulations of effete matter. And last of all his stomach is "out of order." This is another case in which in the logical sequence of statement

THE LAST IS FIRST.

The liver is sluggish because the stomach is diseased. The kidneys are disordered because the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition are "weak" and cannot supply adequate nutrition for the needs of the body. How do we know this? Because in so many cases, persons who have suffered with disease of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, etc., have found these diseases entirely cured, when Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has cured diseases of the stomach and the other organs of digestion and nutrition.

"I was afflicted with what the doctors called nervous indigestion. Took medicine from my family physician to no avail. In looking over one of Dr. Pierce's Memorandum Books," writes Mr. Thos. G. Lever, of Lever, Richland Co., S. C., "I found my case described exactly. wrote to you and made a statement. You sent me a descriptive list of questions, also hygienic rules. I carried these out as best I could, but thought myself incurable as I suffered so much with pain under my ribs and an empty feeling in my stomach. At night would have cold or hot feet and hands alternately. I was getting very nervous and suffered a great deal mentally, thinking that death would soon claim me. Always expected something unusual to take place; was irritable and impatient, and greatly reduced in flesh. I could scarcely eat anything that would not produce a bad feeling in my stomach. After some hesitation, owing to my prejudices against patent medicines, I decided to try a few bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pellets.' After taking several bottles of each, found I was improving. I continued for six months or more, off and on. I have to be careful yet at times, of what I eat, in order that I may feel good and strong. I fully believe if any one suffering with indigestion or torpid liver or chronic cold should take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets' and observe a few simple hygienic rules they would soon be greatly benefited, and with a little perseverance would be entirely cured."

THE SCHOOL-BOY'S POCKET

is notorious for the miscellany it contains. Tops, string, apples, marbles, chewing gum, nails, jack-stones, are all mixed in one confused mass. What would be said of one who used that pocket which we call the stomach for such a heterogeneous collection of materials? This is done not alone by the human ostrich at the circus, but by thousands of good people who do not consider the relations of the stomach to the other organs of the body. The purpose of eating is to provide nutrition for the body. But how many people think of the nutritive value of the food they eat? For the most part the choice of food is made to please the palate. The palate is a creature of education. It may be taught to crave things bitter or things sweet; to desire spicy or flery condiments which irritate the stomach, or dainties which distress it, and in which the food value is reduced to the minimum. As a rule the palate is taught to desire the most undesirable he could meet with refusal told her he would Among the maidens of the settlement, the things from the viewpoint of nutrition. The take her to his tepee and the people of his tribe

result is that the stomach has to thresh a great quantity of straw to obtain one grain of nu-

The body is sustained by food properly digested and assimilated and converted into nutrition. But when the food lacks nutritive value the body and its organs must be starved. Exactly the same thing happens when the food eaten is nutritious, but the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition being weakened by disease, fail to extract the nutrition from the food provided. Then the body is starved also.

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bright particular star was Myrtle Carrington, loved by one and all. The only child of her father, petted yet not spoiled, she was the sunshine of his old age.

Her hero lover was Alfred Moore, handsome, courteous and the leader of the youths of the settlement. The tie between them was made public when Carrington gave his consent to their engagement. One day, in the absence of Moore, some of the members of the Pioneer Guard, of which he was the Captain, captured young Indian Chief, and they at once decided to make an example of him.

This example was to be at the end of a rope, and, but for the arrival of Myrtle Carrington ipon the scene, the career of the young chief would have ended then and there.

Had it been prior to the announcement of her engagement to Alfred Moore, the entreaties of Myrtle to spare the chief's life might have been listened to with favor; but those young hot heads felt a sweet revenge in refusing her request, and the ring-leader ordered his men to go on with the hanging.

Myrtle Carrington finding her entreaties corned, used another argument, a revolver.

"The man who touches hand to that rope hall kill," was the second argument and one ery much to the point.

"You have captured this chief, and wounded s he is, he deserves your compassion. He shall ride my horse back to the settlement and be cared for in my father's home until he is able to return to his people and it will thus change his hatred for us into friendship."

It was a bold stand for even Myrtle Carrington to take against a dozen men; but it won, and mounted upon the horse of one of the party the young chief was led by her into the settlement and to her own home.

Though a merciful precedent, it was a dangerous one, in that it brought to Myrtle's feet a redskin suitor whose method of wooing regarded from a pale face point of observation, was

Mr. Carrington and Alfred Moore looked at the affair as had Myrtle, that it would beget friendship with the Indians.

Won by the plack of his rescuer, enraptured with her beauty and deeply grateful for her kindness, the chief, second only to his father as a leader of his people, and " admiration of the dark-skinned maidens of his tribe, could not understand why he could not win the heart of the pale face girl.

In English that was expressed in ardent metaphor rather than according to the rules of syntax, he told of his love, and not believing would welcome her.

He was much crest-fallen and deeply pained when Myrtle explained to him that it could not be, that she was promised to one of her own race, and she was somewhat startled by the quick proposition to kill Alfred Moore and thus get rid of a rival.

But in her sweet way, Myrtle discarded her redskin suitor and gladly saw him depart, after a visit of several weeks, mounted upon a fine horse given him by Alfred Moore and leading a pack animal heavily laden with gorgeous blankets, provisions and many gifts that gladden an Indian's heart.

One day, a horseman in uniform dashed into the settlement and said that he was sent from the Post to ask Captain Moore and his men to go to the aid of an immigrant train hemmed in by Indians a score of miles away.

The young captain and forty men were in the saddle and away within half an hour, and the settlers met in council that night to prepare to defend their homes.

Mr. Carrington was away at the meeting and Myrtle was alone in their home. Suddenly a form glided into the room, so noiselessly that she knew not of his coming until he stood before her.

In full war paint though he was, Myrtle recognized the young chief whom she had befriended several months before, and though startled she calmly greeted him. Then she heard the cruel story he had to tell, listened to words that sent every drop of blood rushing to her heart and sealing her fate forever.

The horseman in uniform who had come to the settlement had not been a soldier from the Post but a renegade white man, a dweller in the chief's tribe, he told her, and was sent to draw off the fighting force from the settlement on a false errand.

With the chief, and completely surrounding the settlement, were hundreds of mounted braves ready to kill and destroy at a signal from him. That signal he would give unless Myrtle would return with him to his people. If she would do so he would call his warriors off and the hatchet would be buried between his tribe and her people.

It was an appalling ordeal for a young girl to face, and her brain reeled, her heart almost ceased its beating. She must give up her father, the man she loved dearer than her life, her home, her people, all-to dwell among savages, the toy of a young barbarian, yield everything life held dear to her, sacrifice herself to save others.

The moments passed, the chief patiently awaiting her decision with the stoicism of his race. Suddenly she turned to him but not to appeal for herself; it was for others she pleaded and she asked if he would keep his word to make no attack upon the settlement, if she would go with him? He answered in the affirmative and she said simply:

"I will go with you."

Then she wrote the terrible story she had to tell, both to Alfred Moore and to her father.

"It is my one life against many, and I do my duty as I see it," was the pitiful ending of her letter to Alfred Moore.

The Indian chief patiently waited for her while she prepared for her going with him, then led the way to his waiting horses, raised her to her saddle—for she was powerless to aid herself-and the trail was taken, a long line of silent horsemen falling in behind their leader. The one joy alone in the blackness of despair in Myrtle's heart was that the chief had been true to his word, that her sacrifice had saved her people.

How bitterly the blow fell upon the loving father when he returned to face the ghastly truth, was shown by the upturned dead face that greeted Alfred Moore when he came back soon after dawn, feeling that he had been tricked.

Alfred Moore rallied after weeks of suffering, with whitened hair, an old man before his time. Still true to his pledge to his pale face wife he young chief strove hard to calm the war spirit of his people; but he was beaten in the council tepee in every argument, other tribes struck at their white foes and the Bennings Settlement was driven to the protection of forts, and ashes alone marked the spot of the one-time happy homes.

Alfred Moore went not back with his people, but alone remained to avenge the girl he had so loved, and his record was a red one.

Beaten at last the Indians retreated further into the Land of the Setting Sun, leaving one grave that was strangely marked, for above it had been reared a monument of stone, the last tribute of the young chief to poor Myrtle who had so soon found oblivion beneath the sod.

The last shot fired in revenge by Alfred Moore was at a supposed red skin, but who was in reality the renegade white man who had sent him away from the settlement by a clever trick. Before he died he told Alfred Moore how quickly Myrtle had faded and died and where the young chief had buried her and marked her grave.

From that day Alfred Moore became a recluse, shunning his fellowmen, dwelling in the cabin he built for himself upon the cliff.

Through his brother he had ordered that simple marble monument with its strange inscription, and there by the side of poor Myrtle he at last found rest.

Such was the pitiful story.

An Easter Wedding.

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MRS. Patten came out into the kitchen on tiptoe, and closed the door behind her softly.

"Everything is all right in there," she said. "Maria is sleeping as quiet as can be. It doesn't look now as if there would be much for us to do, tonight, for the doctor said if she slept, not to disturb her.

"Almira and Hubbard are both as sound asleep, too, as logs of wood," she added, "and I don't wonder; for Maria's been sick so long they haven't had a decent night's rest since

nobody knows when. I told Almira before they went to bed, not to hurry up in the morning, bein' it's Sunday, but just try and get their sleep made up a little. I ain't in no hurry about goin' home in the morning, because John's wife will see to gettin' breakfast, an' I told Almira you said you'd just as lief walk over home as to ride, when you was ready to go."

"Yes," said Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Patten's companion, as she cast a glance out through the kitchen window into the darkness, "I just as soon walk as not, if it don't storm no more then than it looks now as if it was agoin' to."

Mrs. Berry was sitting in a rocking chair,

Mrs. Berry was sitting in a rocking chair, knitting. "It seems good, doesn't it," she said, "to think that Maria is really gettin' well. For all she's been so poorly she's always done a sight of good. How many times I've heard my mother say, 'Maria Todd is the salt of the earth.'"

"I know," replied Mrs. Patten. "It's just so. How long she's been ailin'. Do you know," she went on, with a half covert glance up at the big clock, above which the regal eyes of a great bunch of peacock feathers glowed dully in the lamp light. "I can't help but wonder sometimes whether peacock feathers do really have anything to do about bringin' sickness into a house. You know lots of folks say they do."

Into a house. You know lots of lolks say they do."

"I know they do," replied Mrs. Berry; "but goodness me! I don't take no stock in it. Why, my father kept peacocks for years when I was a girl at home, an' except for their just about makin' a body deaf with their screechin' I never could see that they did any harm. An' they do keep the hawks off.

"Don't you think," she added, her eyes following those of the other woman to the clock, "that we better have something to eat? I begin to feel kinder sleepy."

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"Yes," said Mrs. Patten, "so do I. It's most eleven o'clock, too. You just set there comfortable, an' I'll stir up the fire, an' make some good strong tea. Almira showed me where she keeps everything, in the but'ry, an' I said to her then that I didn't see how, with all she's had to do, that she could keep her work up so."

"It's her way," said Mrs. Berry. "She ain't like some women, who turn 'round all day in a peck measure."

Mrs. Patten set the table, and both women partook of cold roast pork, bread and butter and sauce, pie, cake and tea. When they had finished, and Mrs. Patten had noiselessly washed the dishes in the kitchen sink and returned from another visit to the front room, she said: she said

"Now Mrs. Berry you better lay down on the lounge and try to get a nap. There's no use both of us keepin' awake."

"No, of course there ain't," admitted Mrs. Berry. "I don't seem to 'feel sleepy, now, though. That tea you made sorter chirked me up. Why don't you lay down yourself?"

"I don't feel sleepy either. I guess I'll just warm my feet a mite. They got kinder cold, what with my goin' into that back but'ry." She opened the door of the low oven in the cooking stove and placed her feet on the edge of the oven. Both women were silent for several minutes, and the click of Mrs. Berry's knitting needles was the only noise to be heard.

heard.

Mrs. Patten was the first to speak. "Did you ever know Mrs. Jonathan Stillings?" she asked. "I met her once, to a district convention," as the reply. "That was before her husband was the reply.

died."
Mrs. Patten laughed a jolly little laugh, and then looked up suddenly in a half-guilty way at the door which went into the other part of the house, as if she had forgotten herself.
"I never watch anywhere," she said, "but what I think of one night when I watched with her. That was when I lived in Bath and was the strangest experience I ever had. It was the night before Easter." She stooped down to touch the side of the oven with her finger, to touch the side of the oven with her finger, to see if the stove was hot enough to scorch her

touch the side of the oven with her finger, to see if the stove was hot enough to scorch her shoes, and went on.

"Jonathan Stillings' and Ebenezer Shadrack's farms lay right side by side, there in Bath, an' the two families was as intimate as a cup an' saucer, until one day Jonathan had a blooded Jersey heifer get through the line fence into Eb's field and eat up about a quarter of an aere of cabbages. Of course so much green feed made the critter sick, an' she took the colic an' died. They couldn't agree which one was to blame, because the heifer got through a gap where the two strips of line fence jined each other, an' each man said it was the other's business to have seen to it that the hole was fixed. So Jonathan sued Eb for the loss of the heifer, and Eb sued Jonathan for the loss of the cabbages. First one got his case an' then the other. Then they both appealed, an' both decisions was reversed, an' so it went on just like that for years.

"They each had one child; Eb a son, an' Jonathan a daughter, an' everybody, includin' the young people themselves I reckon, had looked to see the two farms marry, for the children had always been fond of each other.

"But goodness! As soon as the lawing began each father up an' declared no child of his'n should marry a child of the other; an' they carried the day, for they always was bigoty men, both of them.

"Folks used to wonder how it would come out; when one year providence stepped in an' took a hand, an' Jonathan and Ebenezer both died, within six months of each other, one of pneumonia an' the other of typhoid fever.

"Well, we neighbors looked to see the trouble end then for the women folks, payer had took

things to heart as their husbands nad, but do you know, the minute Jonathan was gone, his wife acted just as if she thought his mantle had settled on her shoulders, an' she up an' got just

settled on her shoulders, an and ap an as bigoty as ever he was.

"'Jane Ellen Stillings,' says she—that was her girl's name—'you'll never marry no son of Ebenezer Shadrack unless you do it over my

Ebenezer Shadrack unless you do it over my dead body.

"Well, Jane Ellen had spirit enough of her own, but she was a real nice girl, an' of course she couldn't go against her own mother, an' she all the near relation she had got in the world, an' so she give Eb's boy his freedom.

"Well, it run on like that for some three or four years, when Mrs. Stillings herself was took down sick with pneumonia, the same disease her husband died of. She was hard sick from the first, an' it wasn't long before everybody who was there said there wasn't more than one chance in a hundred for her. I didn't believe that night when I went to watch that she'd live through the night, no more did

didn't believe that night when I went to watch that she'd live through the night, no more did anybody else, so there was several neighbors stayed there, beside myself.

"About midnight she begun to run right down fast, an' some of those there thought she was gone, but it seemed to me all the time as if I could feel a mite of pulse. I kept my fingers on her wrist, an' bime-by I felt it beat again plain, an' then come stronger an' stronger. All at once she opened her eyes, full upon Jane Ellen, who had set right there by the bed, an' she said, as rational an' plain as could be, only weak, of course:

"'Jane Ellen, I have seen your father and

weak, of course:

"'Jane Ellen, I have seen your father and Ebenezer Shadrack. They was a settin' side by side, as friendly as could be. It was meant for a lesson to me, I reckon. Troubles ain't to be carried out of this world. I've meant right by your father's memory, but I was wrong. You may marry William Shadrack; an' I want you to do it now, here, before I die."

"'Mother!' was all that Jane Ellen said.

"'I said now,' said Mrs. Stillings, faint, but enough like the Mrs. Jonathan Stillings I had neighbored with for fifteen years so I knew she

neighbored with for fifteen years so I knew she

meant it.

"Jane Ellen,' says I, 'ain't William out in the back kitchen?'

"'Yes,' says she, sorter shame-faced. 'He come over in the evenin' an' said he'd stay, in

come over in the evenin' an' said he'd stay, in case we needed anything.'
"'You go an' git him,' I said, 'an' I'll tell Mr. Fitts.' That was the minister,—one of the best men the Lord ever made. He had been settled there for years, an' no house where there was sorrow ever found him wantin'. He was out in the settin'-room then, I knew, waitin' in hopes he might be able to say something to comfort Jane Ellen.
"Jane Ellen says. 'Oh. Mrs. Patten! Do you

comfort Jane Ellen.

"Jane Ellen says, 'Oh, Mrs. Patten! Do you think I ought to?"

"I said, 'You do as your mother says, an' hustle, too.'

"I reckoned I hadn't known Mrs. Jonathan Stillings fifteen years for nothing.

"Well, sir, they was married, right there in the bedroom, with Mrs. Stillings lyin' there in bed lookin' at them.

"An' the minister hadn't any more than said.

bed lookin' at them.

"An' the minister hadn't any more than said 'Amen'," she added 'before Jane Ellen's mother's eyes shut up, an' off she went again."

"Did she die?" asked Mrs. Berry, whose knitting had fallen forgotten in her lap.

"Land, no;" was the answer, "an' ain't dead yet. It wa'n't long ago I saw her tendin' Jane Ellen's twins while their father and mother had gone to Boston on an excursion. Queer, wasn't it?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Berry, thoughtfully a children was not be said with the said was not be said was not said was no

"Yes," said Mrs. Berry, thoughtfully, as she rolled up her knitting and stuck the needles through the ball of yarn—the hands of the clock pointed to midnight, now, and it was Easter Sunday—"it was."

The Last Curve.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ELLEN FRIZELL'WYCKOFF.

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ISFORTUNES, they say, never come singly, and trouble always travels in pairs. So it was not to be wondered at, though it was certainly greatly to be deplored, when the number of the faithful few left to the X. Y. Z. Road by the strike was much lessened by sickness. A fever, it was, that cut the men down in reckless fashion.

That was how it came about that I who was in no way ready for it yet, came to be running No. 27 on the short and dangerous connecting line

across a picturesque stretch of mountain country.

Bess was nervous from the first, but I laughed at her, a trifle upset, perhaps, myself. She insisted upon going up to the village into which I pulled at midnight and where I stayed till seven in the morning. So she went up with the little kid, and my heart was lighter as midnight came on.

But Bess was anxious. The landlady told me that she could settle to nothing all day. Every night she waited up for me. I teased her and laughed at her, all in vain. She shook her pretty dark head and said gently:

"I hope I am just as silly as you pretend to think me, Tom," and that was all. The road was indeed full of danger, especial-

ly now that hands were few and often unfoliable and inefficient. And after nightfall, it may be that my hand was not quite steady on the lever. But I'm not considered a coward as the lever of the lever of the lever. now that hands were few and often unre-

may be that my hand was not quite steady on the lever. But I'm not considered a coward as my present position shows.

Sometimes the sky that always keeps a fellow sort of braced up was cut off by overhanging crags and cliffs. And there were two long tunnels. In several places the track lay upon a narrow shelf along the steep mountain side, and a man might look up or down according to his faith. One of these shelves, and the worst one, since the curve was short and the track hidden beyond, lay upon the mountain side just two miles out from the village where Bess waited. I wasn't exactly afraid of this curve, but I was always glad when I pulled in safe and sound at the station.

I had been running No. 27 for three weeks when one midnight as we neared the short curve, the fireman, a mere lad, caught my arm and cried: "Look!"

Ahead of us I saw a curious light. It was soft and white and steady, resting there in the darkness about five feet above the track. Going down from it, and widening as it neared the track fell a thin curtain of light that reaching the ties lay in a white blotch upon them. This white spot was six cornered and sharply outlined and to my excited imagination suggested a coffin, in shape.

"A Will o' the wisp," I shouted. "Wonder we haven't seen 'em before, these wet fall nights. Don't get scared of a shadow, Bill."

Bess was, I thought, a trifle more nervous and wide-eyed. I laughingly threatened to send her home to her mother. She gravely shook her head and I kissed her good bye and laughed when she refused to watch me out of sight, calling back to say how superstitious she was growing.

That night the light was in its place just as we had seen it the night hefore. Neither of new the send the track the proper the send the same the proper the send the short the night hefore. Neither of new the send the short the night hefore.

of sight, calling back to say how superstitious she was growing.

That night the light was in its place just as we had seen it the night before. Neither of us said anything, but we looked at each other. The third night we both looked for it. "She's on time," Bill said with a sickly grin. There it was, clear and steady and stopping with that coffin-shaped splotch. It was ghastly, but I answered Bill's grin with one I felt to be scarcely more wholesome. We pulled in safely, however, and was feeling bolder when Bill pulled my sleeve as I was leaving the engine to hurry home to Bess. home to Bess.

home to Bess.

"It's the third warnin" he said huskily.
"Somethin's goin' to happen. I sha'n't say onthin' an' I sha'n't desert you, but look out!"

I laughed, not quite merrily, perhaps, and
went to Bess. Her pretty face looked thin and
white and her smile was very feeble. I noticed
that the dimples had gone with her bright
color. I gathered the small woman into my
arms and scolded and petted her, but she lay
quite still with her cheek against mine.

"I'm afraid, Tom. I feel danger near. Truly,
now, don't you?"

"I'm afraid, Tom. I feel danger near. Truly, now, don't you?"

She turned and looked straight into my eyes. I thought of the strange light, but I laughed and promised her a new ring if she would make haste and get strong. A woman will do nearly anything for a new ring. But Bess shook her head in that decided little way of hers.

"If I could just be of use, Tom; if I could do anything," she said as if she had come to care very little about pretty things. That frightened me far more than the mysterious light had done.

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I wanted to change the subject and was not sure.

I didn't like the queer, far away look in her eyes, and so before I left in the morning I looked up the good old doctor and had him promise to go in to see her at once. It was raining and there was one of those dreary, uncompromising east winds. There had been a siege of murky weather. Bill said it was stretched out thin to cover all the days possible. But today the rain was not so thin and before night it set in sharply as if the job must be finished without further delay. The cold rain came driving straight from the east.

Before we reached the last curve I saw Bill looking for the light. I, too, began to keep an eye out for it. Far ahead I saw it, white and still in spite of the wind, and presently, outlined against it, I saw a woman's figure. I saw that she was standing on the track, straight and tall. My arm weakened, my right hand forgot its cunning, but I heard the sharp, repeated warning and knew that Bill was trying

still in spite of the wind, and presently, outlined against it, I saw a woman's figure. I saw that she was standing on the track, straight and tall. My arm weakened, my right hand forgot its cunning, but I heard the sharp, repeated warning and knew that Bill was trying to stop the train.

My eyes were on her face, now that we were nearer and the head light shone against that other light. I saw the white, thin face with the dark hair blowing about it and I knew that it was Bess! She wore a loose white clinging garment and her little hands were held high. One in warning to me, and the other pointing backward toward the curve.

I stood like a stone. I heard Bill panting like a dying beast. Slowly, slowly the engine stopped, too late! The sound as of many waters confused me. I felt Bill pulling at me. I heard men calling to know what was the matter.

scopped, to late: The sound as of many waters confused me. I felt Bill pulling at me. I heard men calling to know what was the matter. Bill was silent as I. Somebody said:

"Get him away, he's about to die!" I lifted my feet and Bill dragged me along. Others followed after. Around the curve Bill stopped.

"See!" he said pointing with curious calmness at the place upon which he turned the light of his lantern. Quantities of rock and earth loosened by the rains had fallen from the mountain side and lodged upon the track.

"She knew," I said. I heard Bill sob. "Did you tell them?" I asked. He beckoned to a man who came to me, and I saw Bill going back. I wondered vaguely if her pretty face would be marred. I knew how tender the men would be. They carried me home, silently.

"You are a bit late," Mrs. Sims said, meeting me. "And I never did hear the train come in, the rain is so noisy on the roof. Why, sir, are you ill?"

"Bess!" was all I could say, as they put me

into a low chair.

"O, yes, you've heard, then. It was a queer turn she had, but she's come round nicely. Dr. turn she had, but she's come round nicely. Dr. Mead was puzzled, as he owned himself, but she's all right now, she come to a quarter of an hour ago." As she finished speaking she opened the door to our room and I saw Bess lying white and smiling on the bed. I felt glad that her pretty face was not marred. I staggered toward her, sobbing brokenly. How quickly they had brought her and made her fair to see! I kneft beside her and bowed my head.

"Of use, you dear little goose. Why, I wish you could see what a tremendous tuck you take in that road. It isn't half as long coming home with you at the end of it." I said. I thought she whispered something like: "If only I could make it safe as well as short," but I wanted to change the subject and was not sure.

I didn't like the queer, far away look in her eyes, and so before I left in the morning I looked up the good old doctor and had him

Summa Cum Laude.

With The Highest Praise.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY BURTON MCPHAIL.

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OE Morgan entered college in '93 full of ambition and hope and his freshman year indicated that success would eventually crown his efforts. His subsequent work during the remaining three years of college life both amazed and pained those who were watching his career. At the opening of

the sophomore year Morgan found himself rooming with a young man from the West, Herbert Marshall. He had entered college as a second year man, when as a matter of fact he should have come as a freshman.

A widowed mother was sending him, and he, anxious to get ahead in his classes, had made And then I felt the touch of her dear little that mistake so frequently seen, managed to

blunder through the examinations and enter heavily conditioned.

Morgan learned much of his roommate's circumstances within a few weeks and took upon himself the task of placing the young man upon his feet, for he was convinced that otherwise the year would be a failure and necessitate his entering as a freshman the following year.

entering as a freshman the following year.

Morgan's work began to fall off the first week than he began coaching his classmate, and after a month of unsatisfactory work he was taken to task for it. No word escaped his lips, however, and though the months passed and there was no improvement, he determined to fight it out on that line, whatever the cost. Marshall needed help, and he believed that it was his duty to stand by the young man.

It was a bitter struggle, how bitter only Morgan and Marshall knew; worst of all, the battle became more and more desperate as the year passed; it was a question which would win—grim determination, or the wolf and unconquered books.

It was the night before commencement, a gala

conquered books.

It was the night before commencement, a gala time for most of the students, though a few trembled, thinking of the coveted sheepskin. Morgan had buoyed himself up during the past few weeks, hoping that somehow he would past few weeks, hoping that somehow he would manage to pull through and get his degree, and such was the case, though he escaped by less than one per cent. Not until that night had he realized the bitterness that was to be his, comparing his naked B. A. with the "Sum-ma cum Laude" he had set his heart upon when

ma cum Laude" he had set his heart upon when entering college.

Marshall saw Morgan with his hands covering his face and noted the tears that tick-led down through his fingers. He said nothing, but somehow he guessed what troubled his roommate, and he determined that this wight has result as the night he would speak and tell the faculty the truth, relate the facts of that awful struggle and let the president of the college know that he, Marshall, had kept Morgan back nose three years. Marshall found the president at his desk and

broached the subject at once.
"There has been a great wrong committed in this college," said Marshall, "one of the students has been defrauded."

"I do not understand you," said the president, dropping his pen, "what do you mean Mr. Marshall?"

"I mean this," said the young man, "a student has been wronged for three years and though he is to receive his degree, it is the lowest that the college confers, when as a matter of fact he should have received one of the highest. The one that has wronged him is to ceive a degree with the inscription 'C Laude,'" 'Who is this man?" asked the President.

"Joseph H. Morgan, sir, and I am the one who placed him where he is to-night. I came here three years ago unprepared to enter the sophomore classes, but Joe Morgan coached me night and day when he should have been at his own books. Not only that, but hard times came and the funds got low, and he did any kind of work to help me through. Now, I see it all in its true light, and I ask a favor—transfer the 'Cum Laude' to Morgan's diploma; it is he that should receive his degree, with praise, not I'

not I."
"I think that the matter can be satisfactorily

adjusted," said the professor, "go to your room

adjusted," said the professor, "go to your room now, but say nothing of your talk with me."

It was Commencement Day, and the president of the college was upon the platform of the great hall, distributing the diplomas of the graduating class. The house was filled to over-flowing with the friends and relatives of the students. Among them was Morgan's father, stern and grim, for he had learned from different quarters something of his son's unsatisfacstern and grim, for he had tearned from diner-ent quarters something of his son's unsatisfac-tory progress and the slight margin that se-cured his degree. Marshall's mother was there, too, pained that her boy was to lose the inscription attached to his diploma, but happy through it all, knowing that he had done right.

one by one were the B. A. degrees conferred, and as the last one was delivered Joe Morgan turned pale and clutched the arm of his chair. He imagined that at the last moment the faculty had decided to withhold his diploma, and for an instant everything seemed to swim about

Then came the degrees "Cum Laude," and among them was Herbert Marshall's. Morgan had inteneded to lead the applause when his roommate received his degree, but in spite of himself a tear rolled down his cheek and a great sob came to his live.

himself a tear rolled down his cheek and a great sob came to his lips.

The degrees "Magna cum Laude" followed.
Then came those degrees most coveted of all—the "Summa cum Laude." There were not many of them and presently the president of the college held the last diploma in his hand.

"It has been my privilege to bestow the degrees of the college upon many classes," said he, holding the remaining diploma in his extended hand, "but never have I held a diploma that gave me so much pleasure in conferring as the one before you. one before you.

JOSEPH H. MORGAN, B. A. SUMMA CUM

For an instant there was utter silence, and then a cheer was given that shook the building. The students all knew of the struggle through which Morgan had passed, and they knew that he had the making of a man in him, and there was not one that questioned the action of the faculty. Morgan advanced as one in a dream and mechanically put out his hand for the diploma. It seemed to him as though he were dreaming and it was not until he was fairly in his room and looking at the precious roll that he comprehended it all.



HE term "fools cap" applied to a certain size of plied to a certain size of paper, has a curious ori-gin. This size was origi-nally used in England for official documents, and was water-marked with a crown. The Parliament of Charles I, wishing to of Charles I, wishing to show its contempt for the ruler, had all the of-ficial paper water-marked with a fool's cap and bells. It is said that they borrowed the idea from the notorious Henry VIII,

who, in order to show his contempt for the Pope, used for his correspondence paper water-marked with a mitered

The President's Inauguration.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.



HE magnificent display which accompanied the inauguration of President McKinley on March 4th, 1901, as well as the inaugural address itself marked the great self, marked the great forward step which has been taken by the United States in the family of nations dur-ing the past three

This remarkable epoch of history is all within the first a dministration of Presiministration of President McKinley, and was fittingly referred to in his inaugural, which breathed in every word the ex-

STATUE OF WASHINGTON republic, and the up-lifting of humanity and patriotic principles. Nothing could give food for more thought than his references to the opposition which

than his references to the opposition which every forward or independent movement has met with in America since the foundation of American independence by the colonies.

In view of the great step in advance which has been made by America in this brief administration and the place which she has taken in the world's history and council of nations, the the world's history and council of nations, the Congressional managing committee decided that this should be the grandest display of any inauguration which we have ever had, in keeping with what they believed to be the position as first among the great nations.

This perfectly proper determination to make this event creditable to the standing of the United States immediately brought down a stream of denunciation from the lower order of connection papers. The higher class papers re-

opposition papers. The higher class papers remained silent, but those denominated "yellow" poured out a stream of coarse invective against what they were pleased to call imperialism, and contrasted the splendor of this inauguration with the simplicity of that of Thomas Jefferson. with the simplicity of that of Thomas Jefferson. It is a remarkable thing that these very papers which now laud Lincoln were the ones that were most victous against his administration; and in speaking of Jefferson, there is not a single political principle which he laid down which they to-day uphold.

As a matter ofplain common sense, however, the great display of the fourth of March was nothing different from what it should have been considering the greatness of this country.

been considering the greatness of this country, and was a sight long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to nave viewed its sev-

past years, that it deserves pas-sing men-tion. When Washington was President, it is a well-known historical fact that he was greatly opposed throughout his two ad-ministrations by Jefferson, who was to follow who him as Presi-

him as President. It was
claimed by the opposition of that time that
Washington was seeking to be an emperor,
and if his lead were followed the republic could
not last but a few years, although it was greatly through his sagacity that it had been formed
on the lines which it has followed for 125 years.

In his progress from Mt. Vernon to New
York, where he was maugurated with the
greatest pomp and show of which the country
was capable at that time, Washington rode in
a state coach with six white horses, postilions,
coachmen and footmen in livery. He embarked in a state barge on the Jersey side of
North River and was rowed to the Battery in
New York City, and in a triumphal procession,
amidst the booming of cannon and the clashing
of bands, he rode to a point at the corner of
Broad and Wall streets, in the front of Federal
Hall, which is where the present Sub-Treasury
now stands. In front of this building to-day
there is a colossal statue of Washington standing on the spot where he stood when he was
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line of the procession 30,000 men, a large proportion being from the regular army and navy
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and citizens of the United States.

As our readers well know, no avenue in the
White House to the capitol, more than a
mile in a straight line. The avenue is so broad,
being one of the widest in the world, that it
gives the greatest opportunity for military
display. There is not a break in the whole
length, and the surface is asphalt, as smooth
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there is a colossal statue of Washington standing on the spot where he stood when he was first inaugurated as President of this country.

At that time New York was a city of 30,000 inhabitants, who all turned out and crowded around Federal Hali, which had been chosen as the Capitol at that time. For two nights the entire city was ablaze with bonfires and burning ter buckets. ing tar buckets. Washington throughout the whole dressed in the full uniform of a general

of joy.

The scenes in New York in 1789 were repeated four years later in Philadephia, when Washington was inaugurated for a second time, and again brought down the denunciation of the

opposition.
When Jefferson became President, four years



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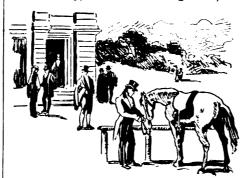
later, the capitol had been removed to the spot designated on the Potomac, and now occupied by the city of Washington. The pretentious capitol building, which was burned by the British in 1812, the walls of which form the central part of the present capitol, was then in an incomplete state of building. Jefferson had

resolved that no pageant should give the lie to his equality principles; and dressed in his plainest clothes, without a single attendant, he rode up the hill to the capitol, tied his horse to a fence, and without ceremony walked into the Senate Chamber and delivered an inaugural address, after which the Chief Justice of the United States administered the oath of office, and the entire ceremony was concluded before a small audience of spectators and Congress.

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Since then the inaugurations have always been attended with more or less display, and with the growth of population and wealth, have steadily grown in magnificence; although proportionately and relatively nothing has ever approached the first inauguration of Washington.

The most exciting inauguration which has reference of the country, Lincoln was inaugurated, tak-



JEFFERSON'S SIMPLE INAUGURATION.

ing the oath from Chief Justice Taney, now principally remembered from his celebrated Dred Scott decision.

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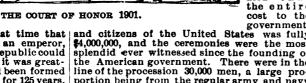
Lincoln had been obliged, through threats of assassination, to go into Washington unknown and disguised. During the progress of the parade, riflemen were stationed on the tops of buildings, every cross street was guarded by soldiers, and the entire line of march picketed by troops with loaded muskets. In front of the capitol was an immense mob of men filled with antagonistic feelings and all ready for an uprising. It has never been understood what prevented an explosion that day, as enemies and sympathizers, heavily armed, glared at each other throughout the proceedings; but the match that was to touch the train was not alight that day.

In point of attendance, the number that saw

In point of attendance, the number that saw Grover Cleveland inaugurated as the first democratic President for 24 years was the largest. 1,000,000 people are known to have been carried into the city by converging railroads to attend this fete.

The inauguration of Thomas Jefferson has been so often spoken of, not only lately but in 1812, the Mexican and Civil wars, and our own recent Span-

ish war. The newspapers have been so full of the last inaugura-tion of Presi-dent Mc-Kinley that there is little to add to what the press has al-ready told our readers.
It is estimated that the entire cost to the



The entire length of this avenue was decorated under the supervision of a committe and for the first time was one long line of harmonious decorations. In front of the White House was the so-called Court of Honor, upon which were urns which at night threw out chemical smoke, illuminated with colored electricity, and on the sides were the reviewing stands for the President, the government and the representatives of foreign countries and the army and navy. and navy.

The procession starts from the White House, whole dressed in the full uniform of a general of the Continental army. Never had a city of America been so gay with flags, bunting and streamers as was New York that day, and never had there been such wild demonstrations of joy.

The scenes in New York in 1789 were repeated four years later in Philadephia, when Wash-instruments of the control of th nounced as the Vice President elect. In this case Col. Roosevelt stood behind the President's desk and had the oath administered to him by the acting Vice President Wm. P. Frye of Maine. This was before the President and all the leading dignitaries. The procession then forms in the Senate and marches to the platform on the East front of the capitol, where the Chief Justice of the United States administers the oath of office to the President after which the inaugural is read; and then with a reformed procession, which in the present case was largely made up of a second division which had not before appeared, returns to the White House.

In the evening there is given in the Pension Building, beautifully decorated for the purpose, a magnificent ball, called the Inauguration Ball. It is said that the floor will hold 5,000 people, and in the immense pressure for tickets and invitations fully 10,000 could have had admission to this entertainment. It was a trempadous to this entertainment. It was a tremendous crush, though no one could estimate how many people were there. For two or three days after,



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and added marked interest to the occasion. The President has, as a personal escort, a troop of cavairy from Cleveland, Ohio, which served in a similar capacity four years ago. They have a uniform of black trimmed with yellow, are magnificent in design, and on their splendid horses make a notable appearance. For the last time in history, the veterans of the Civil war to the number of over 1,000 marched as the escorting body of the President of the United States. The appearance of these grizzled veterans, who have held this place of honor for thirty-five years, and the knowledge that this was in all probability the last time they would take part in this particular parade, added a pathetic touch to a scene which otherwise was all joy and animaand added marked interest to the occasion.

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tion.

For the first time in battalion our history, a battalion of colonial soldiers or colonial soldiers marched with our own army. These were Porto Rican soldiers, and the warm reception that was given them caused their eyes to shine and faces to beam throughout the line of march. To do honor to the oc-

casion, the foreign lega- WILLIAM MCKINLEY. tions and representa-tives were unusually decorated and splendid in appearance. The weather was magnificent, the skies bright, and the air baimy, in the forenoon; but unfortunately rained heavily during the inaugural exercises at the capitol with such a multitude cheering as Washington has never before seen.

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great deal of attention to the observance of Easter here in America, but much more is made of the day in some other countries. In Russia, for instance, Easter is celebrated with far greater ceremonythan here. There it is at the close of a severe observance of Lent, and the people feast and frolic and are merry to the last degree, to make up, perhaps, for all they have deprived themselves of during Lent. During those forty days they have religiously abstained from eating any kinds of flesh, and not even butter nor eggs nor milk have been partaken of. They have not danced nor made merry in any way, and none of them have been to the theater for the theaters have all been closed. Lent closes with milk have been partaken of. They have not danced nor made merry in any way, and none of them have been to the theater for the theaters have all been closed. Lent closes with deep solemnity, for during Passion Week all business is practically suspended and nearly all of the time is spent in the churches. On the day before Easter every Russian home is put in spotless order, and the American custom of having something new to wear is observed. If possible the Russian comes forth on Easter morning arrayed entirely in new garments, but it is regarded as really a duty to have at least some new thing.

Easter Eve finds all the churches crowded and the services last until midnight when the

and the services last until midnight when the churches that have been but dimly lighted up to this hour suddenly become a glare of light, each worshipper carrying a lighted taper and the chandeliers sending forth all the light pos-sible. The bells begin to ring joyously, and the boom of cannon is heard in all the cities. The splendidly apparelled priests come forth from the holy of holies chanting, "Christ is risen; Christ is risen from the dead!" Priests swing-ing perfumed censers march up and down Christ is risen from the dead!" Priests swinging perfumed censers march up and down among the people repeating the cry of "Christ is risen; Christ is risen from the dead!" The people bow low to receive the blessings of the fathers of the church and the scene is one of great solemnity. Then the Easter cakes receive the blessing of the priests. These cakes are set in long rows and the priests sprinkle them with holy water, after which the people take them to their homes. There is much kissing and all sorts of affectionate greeting.

The Easter breakfast is a very elaborate affair in which eggs play an important part, and pork is sure to appear in some way. The meal is so

rich that it is a wonder that the after effects are not more disastrous after the long abstin-ence from meat and rich food of any kind.

ence from meat and rich food of any kind.

Many thousands of eggs are given as presents on Easter day, and with each gift the donor says joyfully, "Christ is risen." The eggs are often of glass or porcelain or even of silver and gold. Sometimes they contain valuable gifts of jewelry. The festivities are prolonged until the Sunday after Easter, and at this time the thousands of worshippers in the churches are given a part of a loaf with the words "Christ is risen" on it, and this memento of the day is kept sacredly until the next Easter. In no other country is Easter more elaborately observed than in Russia.

The Christians of long ago did not agree in

The Christians of long ago did not agree in regard to the time of the celebration of Easter, therefore the council at Nice made the rule that therefore the council at Nice made the rule that causes Easter to come on the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens upon or ext after March 21. If the moon fulls on lunday, then the following Sunday is to be the Easter day. According to this plan Easter cannot come earlier than the 22nd of March nor later than the 25th of April It was the custom of

the children is one with which our readers are no doubt already so familiar that it need not be described in detail. Indeed, there is little to describe beyond the fact that on that particular Monday the children of Washington, irrespective of class or color, are given full possession of the White House grounds for the day, and they come in droves to roll their gay-colored eggs on the great lawn which is quite green even thus early in the spring in that latitude. There is no school on that day, and it tude. There is no school on that day, and it is looked forward to with more delightful anticipations of pleasure by the children than by the White House gardeners who must clean up the grounds on the following day.

When the Easter celebration was established by the Romen church it was intended to con-

by the Roman church it was intended to con-tinue for eight days, and they were days of great happiness. The unfortunates who were great happiness. The unfortunates who were imprisoned for debt were set free, and many slaves were given their freedom. The courts adjourned and wrong-doers were unmolested. The poor were remembered just as we remember them at Christmas time in our own land There was a general atmosphere of kindness and generosity. Old grudges were forgotten, rich gifts were given, and the time was one of genuine Christian feeling.

In the England and Europe of the middle ages the people flocked to the cathedrals to see the priests enact incidents in the life of Christ,

and chants of rejoicing were sung. After the religious ceremonies the jolly priests told amusing stories and engaged in ball playing and all sorts of athletic sports. But the reformers of the seventeenth century put an end to the undignified performances on the part of the priests, and there is less hilarity than there was at one time among the priests at Easter time.

time.

Greenwich Fair was always opened on Easter Monday, and all who could flocked thither to enjoy this festive occasion. The men at the fair would form a "chair" with their hands and arms, and it was not regarded as rude or discourteous for them to pick up any lady to whom they took a fancy, and place her on this imprevised "chair" and carry her around until she paid a forfeit, which was sometimes a kiss. It is said that the ladies did not make much effort to keep out of the way of these merry genfort to keep out of the way of these merry gen-tlemen, although they affected to be greatly shocked when they were captured, and made ineffectual attempts to escape. Easter is beautifully observed in the Tyrol by

the peasants, who go about in the towns and valleys singing Easter songs to the music of guitars and other instruments. People invite the singers into their homes and refresh them with wine and cakes and present them with colored eggs. The simple and absolute faith of the Tyrolese has not been in the slightest

colored eggs. The simple and absolute faith of the Tyrolese has not been in the slightest degree lessened by the modern materialism and skepticism of later days in other lands, and to the people of the Tyrol the death and resurrection of Christ is a fact of which they have no more doubt than they have of their own existence. This perfect faith has developed many beautiful traits of character in them.

In some parts of England archery is always played on Shrove Tuesday and on Easter Monday for a prize of a beautiful silver arrow on which is engraved a sketch of that dark Easter Monday when Edward III. was encamped with his army before the city of Paris. This prize is provided by the married men who have been Benedicts for less than a year, but I am unable to give the significance of this custom.

In all countries eggs enter into the observance of Easter. They are colored in many hues and given as presents. In our own country the confectioner's windows are filled with beautiful candy or porcelain or china eggs, and coll serve of farms in the form of career decored.

beautiful candy or porcelain or china eggs, and all sorts of favors in the form of eggs are de-vised for favors for parties held during Easter vised for favors for parties held during Easter week. No one can say definitely just when this universal use of eggs at Easter time came into vogue, but it is certain that it dates back hundreds of years. The custom may have had its origin in some superstition, but as the egg is a symbol of life it is perhaps the most appropriate symbol for the Easter time. Years ago it was the custom in some countries for the people to abuse the Jews and heap contumely upon them at Easter. In parts of England the

boys would run about the streets crying out in

"Christ is risen! Christ is risen! All the Jews must go to prison." And in France the believers in Christ departed

And in France the believers in Christ departed from his teachings to the extent of stoning the Jews on Easter day.

A century ago it was the custom in Oxfordshire, England, for the men and women to throw great quantities of apples into the churchyard at the close of the church service on Easter Sunday evening. Then they went to the house of the minister, and were regaled with bread and cheese and ale.

It is said that the dwellers on the western slope of the Alps observe the curious and somewhat amusing custom of laying one hundred eggs on a level space covered with sand, and a young man and a young woman dance a country dance around the eggs. If they finish the dance without breaking any of the eggs they become engaged. It is claimed that such couples will be sure to enjoy perfect connubial felicity, but we doubt if it would be safe for an American couple to risk their hopes of happiness on any such an uncertainty as this.

Of Easter legends there are no end, but we have no space for any of them. Some of them have their origin in the all-prevailing superstition of our contribution for we are still a superstitions pears and the superstitions pears and the superstitions pears are superstitions of the still prevailing superstitions of our contributions.

born of the still prevailing superstition of our own time, for we are still a superstition of our own time, for we are still a superstitious peo-ple. But the Easter legends and the Easter customs of our day have the merit of being harmless, and some of them have a very beautiful spiritual significance.

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WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

HE most pleasing feature of the present modes is the curious blending of the ar-

tistic and practical. These two elements meet on common ground, for the first time in my recollection, and even now I am convinced the tendency must be followed with caution. Listen to this: A soft summer weight cloth in delicate French gray, stitched with gray ribbon velvet several shades deeper in tone. The skirt is slightly fulled allaround, with the fullness at the back laid in four small boxpleats. The bolero is a most faithful replica of those worn during the '60 to '64 period, the back view revealing how it falls below the waistthe, with a tiny this bolero a complete shirt, or Garibaldi, as it was called so long ago, is worn, of soft mustilin, stitched and enhanced with lace, the full, puffed sleeves appearing beyond the bell-shaped ones of cloth.

The golfing girl is a great personage in our midst and has been pursuing her approved form of pleasure the whole winter through, whenever the snow disappeared enough to allow her. The red golf coat is her right and lawful possession, and is just now most correctly fashioned sacque wise, and is not too long. It is to be remarked that the prevailing fancy is for a coat falling well over the hips, with a close fitting back and semi-fitting, single-breasted front. A double-breasted front does not hang well when left unclosed. Skirts are very seldom now bound with leather. There is really so little necessity for such stringent measures, and the friction of the leather against the boots is sadly demoralizing to the latter.

One exceedingly sensible coat I have encountered, buttoned in semi-double fashion up to the base of the throat, where it was met by a velvet turn-over collar, just enough space being left to show a small knotted tie. And when required the fronts could be thrown back to form largels, this partic ul ar co at showing facings of butcher-blue linen. The material of the suit was devery and the same simply lovely, and surpass far and away an avertic ul ar co at showing facings of the server of the suit was delighted. The proposed such as a soft such as

The new satin-faced cashmere is a most The new satin-faced cashmere is a most worthy production, though indeed it is hardly new as we had it last year although we then declined to be tempted by it. However, this season a different tale is to be told, as cashmere has come to take its place in the first ranks of fash ion able side the respectimens.

foibles.

Just now the seems to be magi-cal. On every-thing we find trimmings in clusters of three. One finds three crosswise folds, three revers, three little cuffs, etc. The triple alliance is immensely im-pressive in its decorative influ-ence, and once the notion is portrayed in any one detail it is carried out through. the entire costume.

As I have said before, the fashionable skirt no longer rustles. Dame Fashion has turned against her former favorite and declines to allow a rustling skirt

lining under any pretext. Satin is an ideal lining for those who can afford it and cashmere, too, finds favor in the eyes of the

Other materials suggest themselves,

many. Other materials suggest themselves, but the maxim to be borne in mind is, "Take heed, lest ye rustle."

The newest French hats are soft and flapping, and very broad of brim. They are to be worn low over the face and trimmed quite flat, the favorite mode being a single long plume so arranged as to encircle the low crown and leave an end to drop over the brim at the side of the back.

With the simple muslin gown comes the wide sash of softest ribbon or silk. This is brought round the waist and arranged in a loose bow with long and at the same of the same o round the waist and arranged in a loose bow with long ends at the back, fringe often ad-joining the ends. Speaking of simple muslin frocks brings to notice the return of young girls to the simplicity of dress worn by their grandmothers for dressy functions. Nothing



is more in favor than frocks of white mull daintily trimmed with narrow laces and fine handwork, the whole appearance being severe-

handwork, the whole appearance being severely simple.
Chenille scarfs of very open mesh and quite deep fringe are quite the latest cry. They achieve an unparalleled success worn round the neck with loosely hanging ends in front. The bow of tulle worn at the back of the neck is still wonderfully popular and most becoming to all youthful faces, its misty folds adding, as it does, a bloom to the complexion. I am delighted to note the return of maltese lace, its silky surface and beautiful design making it a queen among laces. A good many people possilky surface and beautiful design making it a queen among laces. A good many people possess handkerchiefs with deep maltese borders. How to transform them into something which shall be of service and yet show off the beauties of the lace is the question. To cut costly laces is always a pity, but occasionally unavoidable, wherefore the question arises, how to cut to the best advantage. One way is exactly as we do with the silk Bandanna so lately in vogue; cut diagonally from corner to corner, and use the triangular pieces as epaulettes over the shoulders of a sleeveless evening bodice, or arrange as bolero fronts.

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Petticoats are as extravagant as the gowns which cover them and require a whole chapter to themselves. Suffice it to say the colored silk petticoat is awfully passe for street wear.

Challies are wonderfully attractive this season and combine economy with beauty. A smart gown of this material in a bright shade of deep blue has the skirt elaborately stitched in waved lines about the hem, and the fullness at the waist set in small tucks, while the bodice is pouched a little and opens over a shirt of tucked muslin and lace, and the shoulders adorned with a large collar of val. lace mounted on a tiny foundation of muslin and run with rows of bebe black ribbon velvet. The sleeves bell a little over full puffs of muslin drawn into close wristbands stitched with bebe velvet.

In parasols this season there is a marked predilection for bright, self-colored silks with handles similarly tinted surmounted by great balls of crystal. The last named ornamentation is carrying all before it, and pushing quite to one side the recently prevailing ornithological specimens.

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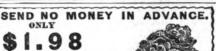
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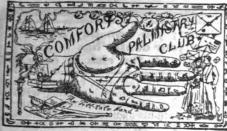
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other marks on the palm of the hand.

CHEIRO AND FATHER TIME.

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Although most palmists choose the left hand Cheiro uses both the right and left hands, arguing that the left shows what we are born with and the right what we have made our-selves. When the left hand shows greater regularity than the right then it is concluded

regularity than the right then it is concluded that the person is more passive than active and will succeed better in what he directs some one else to do than in what he undertakes himself. On the other hand, those who have the finest lines on their right palm must hope for nothing by chance or luck because they will succeed only through their own efforts.

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Cheiro starts back with the Bible, where you Cheiro starts back with the Bible, where you remember in Job is written, "God set signs and seals on men's palms that they might be read by all men;" you'll find that the hand is used throughout the Bible to express truth. Palmistry is very, very old, although it is only within recent years that it has received such marked encouragement from society. Why, divination by the forms and tokens of the hand attracted the attention of Plato, Aristotle and other ancient writers. The hand portrays the character even more clearly than the face; it is the very key to one's soul and yet the most beautiful hand does not indicate that its owner has a beautiful or ideal character. Take for instance a type of hand which I often see. It is symmetrically formed, delicate, with smooth, tightly-drawn

skin, tapering fingers, narrow finger nails and thin in the palm. The characteristics which this hand shows are fickleness, a disposition to tease until she tires a friend out to get what she wants and then she will likely discard it. She is not ambitious, but rather lazy and indolent, and tightly drawn skin shows lack of sensitiveness.

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dence. A thumb that cannot be separated far from the hand indicates a stubborn and a close-fisted secretive nature while one that bends far back shows a pliant dis-position, ready to please others and be pleased by them. In reading

hand, therefore, examine the thumb carefully and note well its

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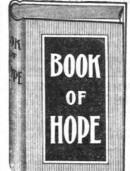
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THE FIRST FREE LIBRARY.

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ISTORY of the library dates back many cen-turies to the time of the Egyptian king Osmandyas who formed a library bearing the inscription, "Psyches in atte io n"—"the storehouse of

medicine for the mind."
But this library has a far less important place in history than the famous Alexandrian Library, founded by Ptolemy Soter, in the city of Alexandria in Egypt.

Its first manager was one Demetrius Phalereus, a banished Athenian, and even in his day the library had a number of volumes or rolls amounting to fifty thousand. This number was increased to six hundred thousand in the days of Apollonius Rhodius and other noted and learned Egyptians. This library included the literature of Greece, Rome, India and Egypt, and it was a great loss to the world when a part of it was destroyed by fire during the siege of Alexandria by Julius Caesar. It was partly replaced by the collection of Pergamos which was presented to Cleopatra by Mark Antony. The entire library was destroyed by a mob of frantic Christians led on by the archbishop Theophilus about the year by the archbishop Theophilus about the year

The history of the library in America dates The history of the library in America dates back to the year 1621 when the first library foundation was established through a benefaction, on the part of an unknown person in London, to the Henrico college organized by the colonists of Jamestown, Virginia. This gift was composed of "a small Bible with a cover richly wrought; a great church Bible; the Booke of Common Prayer; S. Augustine De Civitaie Dei; Master Perkins, his workes; and an exact map of America." A few other volumes were added during the year but on March 22nd, 1622 the torch and the tomahawk of the red man descended upon Jamestown and of the red man descended upon Jamestown and the infantile library passed out of existence. The next attempt at the formation of a library in America was in 1638 at Harvard College. This library grew so slowly that a century and a quarter after its formatiom it had but 5000 a quarter after its formatiom it had but 5000 volumes and they were all destroyed by fire in the year 1764. There had, however, been formed in Philadelphia the nucleus of the "Philadelphia Library Company," an organization still in existence. It had its origin in a debating society of which Benjamin Franklin was one of the founders and which he called the "Mother of all the North American subscription Libraries." tion Libraries.

tion Libraries."
The first building erected in the United States to be devoted to the uses of a public library was that of the Loganian library which was the gift of James Logan to the city of Philadelphia and stood in Sixth street between Chestnut and Walnut streets.

This building was built in 1745—50. A circulating library was established in Boston in the

year 1765 by one John Mein, a dealer in books, and this was probably the beginning of the circulating library in America.

But this article has to do chiefly with the first public library established and supported by direct taxation. From the first authentic records it appears that to the little town of Peterboro, New Hampshire, belongs the distinction of having established the first free public library. From a well written history of the town we learn that—

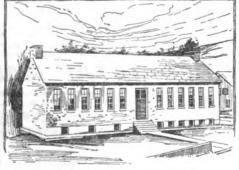
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"The Peterboro Town Library was established in 1833 and was, without doubt, the first free public library in the United States. It was a step in advance of the times—they builded better than they knew. No town or place in the whole country had conceived the plan of furnishing free reading to the whole community at their sole expense, until some time after our project was in full and successful operation.

That it was founded by the town with the deliberate purpose of creating a free, general library, and has always been owned by it. Second: It has been managed by the town and every year since its foundation the town has appropriated money for its support, has chosen a library committee to take care of the same, and has expended the yearly appropriation in books. Third: It is free to all citizens of the town, has books for all ages, and is, and always has been, in the widest sense, a free public town library."

The Commissioner of Education at Washington, writing on the first free library in a letter

says:
"The first free public library supported and aided by taxation, of which this bureau has any account, was established at Wayland, Mass., and was opened to the public in August, 1850; the second, at New Bedford, Mass., was opened in March, 1853. If the Peterboro Town Library was opened to the public prior to 1850. Library was opened to the public prior to 1850, whether supported by municipal taxation or by the income of invested bonds, it furnishes the first example of a free library, and we shall be



FIRST AMERICAN FREE LIBRARY.

terprise. The present building is a most substantial affair not so old as its style of architecture would indicate. The New England village and rural population read a great deal and some of the smallest of New England towns have remarkably good libraries and library buildings. They are usually the gift of some former resident to the town, and it is certain that they have much to do with the increased standard of intelligence in the towns in which they are located. they are located.

IRRIGATION IN ITALY.

The Late King Humbert A Champion of In ternational Improvements.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HROUGH the assassination of King Humbert of Italy, the poor people of that his-toric land lost a conscientious friend. Although Rome, and later Italy, have sup-ported many ty-rants who have trampled upon the necks of the people as upon worms, others of its rulers, King Humbert among the number, have had the good of the peasants

thoroughly at heart and have endeavored to improve and ameliorate their condition. Especially notable as a means to this end have been the irrigation works of Italy, largely undertaken and fostered by her successive monarchs and ministries.

The early Romans were careful irrigators and Italy is known in history as the classic land of irrigation, although it is not believed that any irrigation, although it is not believed that any large irrigation systems or great canals were constructed until in comparatively recent times. As in the Far East, springs, wells and small streams, easily diverted from their channels, were the sources of supply; but in the last few centuries Italy has developed some magnificent irrigation systems. In the districts of Piedmont and Lombardy hundreds of thousands of poor people have found relief and comfort through the revivifying influence of water, great tracts of marsh and waste land having been reclaimed to irrigation. Nothing could be more striking than the contrast between some of the irrigated and the unirrigated districts. Many of the former are among the most densely populated regions of Europe. Their densely populated regions of Europe. Their soils have received just the element needed to call forth their inherent powers, and instead of arid wastes and extensive marshes, corn-fields, rice grounds, flax-fields and green meadows producing wonderful crops, cover the face of

the country, with prosperous farms and cottages surrounded by the vine and the fig, and inhabited by happy families. It is only necessary to compare the present condition of the provinces where irrigation exists with their destitute past to see the good which a wise government policy has wrought for the people. Nearly six hundred years have been required to perfect the splendid canal system of Piedmont, and to change its once arid wastes and dreary marshes into sheets of cultivation. The moral presents itself that to irrigators in the United States, who are but beginning this work; they may have cheerful hearts in sight of what has already been accomplished in this country by private capital in a fiftieth part of the time. The late King always evinced a particular interest in the irrigation work of the State and in the possibilities of rural improvement through water reclamation. While about seven million acres of land in Italy are already under irrigation, this is by no means all the land subject to reclamation, and projects are now on foot for additional development, the possibilities of which are very great. The great government-irrigating canals in Italy have a length of over 140 miles and the vast network of distributing channels aggregate a total length of something over 4,000 miles.

It is understood that the new King, Victor Emmanuel III, will devote himself largely to internal improvements, first breaking away from the staggering expense to the State of foreign entanglements and alliances.

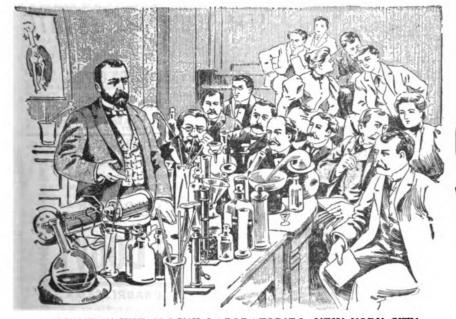
Italian history contains many interesting accounts of wars and strifes over the sources of irrigation during the days of feudalism and of conflicts with foreign nations. An interesting incident is told of the temporary destruction and immediate repair of the Naviglio Martesana, the large canal of Milan. During the last century, owing to excessive pressure, about 800 feet of the channel near Milan was carried away, cutting off the water supply of the city, and, occuring in April just as the demand for irrigation was

utmost energy to complete the repairs in time to save the great crop dependent upon its waters. It was considered necessary, among other things, to replace the ancient earthen embankment by a vast retaining wall of brick masonry. The government acted with great vigor and the work was successful, six weeks of tremendous effort sufficing for its completion. At such times the people of irrigated of tremendous effort sufficing for its completion. At such times the people of irrigated countries appreciate the exertions of their governments. When the British government in India reopened the Delhi canal, great concourses of people accompanied the waters as they passed slowly along through the new channel—flowers were thrown into the stream, and the multitudes loudly expressed their joy, and welcomed with glad cheers the sight of the long desired waters. Similarly the inhabitants of Milan collected in vast numbers along the banks of the Canal Martesna upon its reopening, and cheer after cheer arose as the opening, and cheer after cheer arose as the waters poured past. All classes and parties joined in bestowing the highest praise upon the engineers and the Administration, for their energy had saved the crops of the year.

There is no line of work where the national government can do more good than in that which is being carried on by the G-ological Survey in directing the way to the development and conservation of the water resources of the country.

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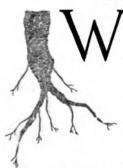
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that this trade is already feeling the effects of the war very materially.

For over a hundred years this country has been exporting ginseng root to China, and in that time the amount of money which has been sent back from the Flowery Kingdom to America for this humble product has been over twenty-five millons of dollars. As long ago as 1822 over seven hundred thousand pounds of ginseng root were shipped to China from this country. The value of that was only \$314,000. Since then the quantity of root shipped has grown less, and the price has increased as the root has grown scarcer. In 1899 about one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds were shipped, and the value was about \$600,000. This year there is practically no foreign demand for it, and consequently the "sang" diggers, as they are called in the mountain regions of the Southern states, are out of a job. People who know the trade well, though, say that the Chinese people will not live without the root, even if it should have to be smuggled into the empire, and that as there will eventually be a demand for it again, it will be a good investment to buy now while the price is low, and hold for demand.

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Caused the Chinese to call it by a name which means "man-wort," and to believe that it has the power to preserve youth and strength. Certainly American and European chemists and physicians, after the most exhaustive experiments, have been unable to detect in the root any remarkable medicinal properties which would in any way justify the extravagant prices which the Chinese are willing to pay for it. Its weight in gold is a regular price in China, and often an extra fine piece sells for much more than that. The root when dried by the ordinary process is of a yellowish white color, with a mucilaginous sweetness resembling licorice, accompanied by a slight aromatic bitterness.

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kettle has a cover depressed so as to form a cup. In this cup rice is placed with a little water. kettle has a cover depressed so as to form a cup. In this cup rice is placed with a little water. The ginseng root is placed in the silver kettle, with water. Finally a cover is put over the whole affair and it is placed over a fire. When the rice is cooked the medicine is ready. The patient eats the rice and drinks the ginseng tea at the same time. The proper dose of the root is supposed to be from sixty to ninety grains. The medicine is taken in the morning, before breakfast, for from three to eight days in succession, and sometimes is also taken at night. While it is being taken tea drinking is forbidden.

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Ginseng is a plant of the genus Araliaceae. The botanical name of the American species is Panax quinquefolium, the last name meaning "five-leaved," because the leaves are divided into fives. It is an interesting coincidence that in the language of the Iroquois Indians the name of the plant is garentoquen, a word the significance of which is much like that of the Chinese name. The plant grows all through the eastern part of the United States and Canada, but it is usually found in profitable quantities only in a sandy soil in rather deep woods. Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia furnish large quantities, and in these Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia furnish large quantities, and in these states the typical "sang digger" is to be seen at his best. During the Civil War so many men went to fight that the industry was neglected so that in four years the plant made great increase in productiveness. Every state east of the Mississippi river contributes to the crop, but the bulk comes from the mountainous middle Atlantic region. Japan and Russia also export the drug, although there is a rather large domestic demand for it in Japan.

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The high price which the root will fetch has led to many efforts being made to cultivate it, but as a general thing these have not been very successful. It is cultivated in both Japan and Russia, but it is said that the cultivated root is not thought to have so much efficacy as the wild. A man living in Missouri, after experiments covering ten years, has been very suc-cessful in the culture, and there is so much de-mand for roots and seeds for cultivation from others who wish to try the experiment that he has realized a handsome return from his garden has realized a handsome return from his garden since it came to bearing. The ordinary price for the roots is about twenty cents each. Ginseng is an unattractive plant to look at. It grows about two feet tall, and branches awkwardly. Each branch bears near the five leaves, and then a few inches above them, a cluster of berries. Each berry contains only two or three seeds. The plant does not come into fruit until it is two years old and the seeds are so few that they also sell at a high price to people who wish to cultivate the plant.

QUEER USES FOR MILK-CURD.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



OME new and very strange uses have been found for the curd which forms when milk sours. The forming of the curd is accelerated by adding a little acid to the milk, where up on the chemist takes it and washes it in water to remove the acid. Thus prepared it is nothing more nor less than pure caseine, and when dried it appears as a white powdery substance.

This substance is subjected to manipulation in curious ways. Of late it has been utilized in the production of various articles of diet. An alkali being added, it is used to thicken soups, and as a substitute for eggs, being specially popular among vegetarians when thus employed, because it furnishes "body" to dishes lacking most Lulieu of eggs, it serves as an popular among vegetarians when thus employed, because it furnishes "body" to dishes lacking meat. In lieu of eggs, it serves as an ingredient of custards, puddings, etc. Indeed, prepared in solution for cooking, it appears to have somewhat the same properties as white-deed.

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Dissolved in borax, the powdered milk-curd
makes an excellent glue, and, when mixed
with a little quicklime and water, it furnishes with a little quicklime and water, it furnishes a first-rate cement for mending china. Otherwise prepared, it serves as a mordant in dyeing, and it is also used to give a waterproof coating to artificial leather. Compressed by hydraulic power, it is employed as a substitute for celluloid in the manufacture of buttons, combs, brushes, and various other such articles, and it is even said that before long satisfactory billiard-balls of milk-curd will be on the market.

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A high city official of Brooklyn-the Registrar-has given a lesson to those holding valuable public positions. The fees of his office over and above the salary have amounted to nearly \$50,000. This sum he proposes to return to the tax payers by crecting a statue of Washington. The statue will be modelled after the famous equestrian one in the city of Washington. The official claims that he has made the fees as small as the law allowed and in spite of this fact has that sum of money on hand. The fact illustrates a feeling rare enough in those holding lucrative positions, but at the same time the statue will suggest a possible field for economy in the administration of public affairs.

Around the World in Eighty Days! Who does not recall the sensation that the book containing that startling possibility made? To encircle this globe in that brief time seemed the dream of a popular romancer rather than a feat capable of accomplishment. Some few years ago, a newspaper and a magazine sent two young women on a globe encircling tour to demonstrate that the feat was possible. In a few years such an attempt will belong in fact and possibility to a past century. It will be possible to circle the world in one calendar month. The Trans-Siberian railroad will be completed about 1904. In twelve days it will be possible to travel from London to the waters of the Pacific. The time may even be less than that. No transportation plans since the Union Pacific crossed our own nation have offered such possibilities in the way of changing dis-

One success in a literary way seems to bring a deluge of books that just stop short of proving that imitation is the sincerest flattery. the Nation as an interpreter of the Constitution Everybody" has been reading Elizabeth Her German Garden. The book was a charmingly natural and loving view of Nature as shown in the garden. Books containing garden experiences have filled the advertising pages of publishing houses. The whole movement, artistic, literary and practical is a sincere expression of the great love for plants, flowers and birds, for the poetry of nature that marks the reaction from the love of city life. It is a healthful and hopeful sign. Such an interest is an antidote against the hurry and turmoil of the age. Nature teaches patience. Her results are slow. The man or woman who is fond enough of a garden to observe carefully the slow unfolding of leaf, bud and fruit must gain an insight into better conditions of living. Even those who make their garden observations through books may gain somewhat of the lesson of gradual development and patience.

Mr. Carnegie's continued gift of libraries shows no decrease. It is astonishing to reflect that the public library system of the United States is but little more than ten years old. The growth of libraries and the enormous out-

coming the reading nation of the earth. The traveling library is the one however that meets the demand of the people who live in the country. It is there on the farm that the need of a library is most felt. The states are slow to give aid in this matter but wherever it has been tried it has met with the greatest success. One of the latest developments in subscription libraries has been a great success through its plan to bring the book to the reader. An agent calls at each house and delivers the book which the subscriber may desire. The books are all new; as soon as a volume shows wear it is replaced by a fresh one. One book a week is allowed on a subscription of five dollars per annum. Mr. Carnegie might increase the effect of his princely giving by establishing traveling libraries on the pledge of a state to maintain

A scientist claims to have made the discovery that electricity causes an increase in the deposits of fat. The experiment was made upon a number of pigs. A number of the same age and weight were selected to demonstrate the fact. A part of them were placed in cages or boxes surrounded by electric wires while the other portion were confined in similar cages minus the wires. The same food was given to all. The electric pigs grow fat and fatter and left their non electric colleagues far behind in the attainment of the ambition of a pig-fat. This seems to demonstrate a most alarming scientific possibility. The world is strung and crisscrossed with "live" wires. The very ground is full of the currents. Are we to become a race of Jumbos as electricity progresses in its afarming development? The heavy weights who watch the scales each week with anxious eyes and see the record climb steadily higher will have to reckon with this new mysterious force. In addition to Vichy and Kissengin and all the other "antifat" and "cure for obesity" remedies they will have to plan for clothing that shall be nonconductive. Glass is really made into cloth and a complete suit of this might act as a non-conductor and nullify the fattening power of the electricity.

A society has recently been formed for the preservation of historical and scenic landmarks. The Palisades of the Hudson were threatened with destruction and through the efforts of some of the members of this society they have been preserved. Scenes of natural beauty appeal to all, but the rapid growth of towns with industrial demands often threatens the extinction of natural beauties. We are rich in beautiful natural features and if the public attention is aroused these will be preserved. Our historic landmarks are fewer. Old buildings yield to the demands of modern buildings. No more worthy method of arousing patriotism could be found than the preservation of buildings and places connected with our early history. The various Revolutionary societies have done much commendable work in stimulating public interest in historic buildings and sites. A list of all the tablets and monuments placed to commemorate events would make an astonishing showing. There needs, however, to be state and national effort in this direction. Many buildings by reason of occupying expensive sites, are of too great value to be purchased by societies. It is planned to organize branches of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks in all the states. The idea is a practical one and should meet with support.

On the 31st of January 1801, John Adams appointed John Marshall as Chief Justice of the United States and on Feb. 4, 1801, Marshall took the oath of office for the position which he held with such distinction for thirty-four years. The one hundredth anniversary of this event was celebrated throughout the length and breadth of the United States. Bench and Bar wrote to show honor to the man who ranks as one of the foremost jurists of the world and to whom more than to any other one man the United States owes its strong central government. The value of John Marshall's services to his other distinguished public services are nearly overlooked. As a soldier in the Revolutionary army, as an advocate of the adoption of the Constitution, as a member of the Virginia Legislature and as envoy to France he performed services enough to distinguish one man. At the time that he assumed the high duties of Chief Justice of the United States the country had existed but twelve years under the Constitution. Whether that Constitution made provisions for a government strong enough to exercise power necessary for the establishment of national unity as opposed to separate and individual states was a mooted question. His services in the Congress of the United States and as John Adams' Secretary of State had shown Marshall the necessity of a strong central government. The tenor of each of the important decisions of the Supreme Court during his incumbency was to strengthen the power of the United States. He made decisions upon questions which were new so that precedent could not be used as a guide. He blazed the path along which Constitutional lawyers have since traveled. Chief Justice Marshall was not a man of great learning or erudition but he possessed in the most reput of the publishers show that we are fast be- markable degree the legal mind. His decisions

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ITH the waning or popularity of the bicycle in this country, says a well known authority, there comes in its place another form of outdoor sport which gives promise of becoming just as popular as wheeling. Although comparatively new, the motor tricycle has already gained a foothold in this country and before another year the choo-choo of the three-wheeler will become as familiar as the singing of the wind through the spokes of the old ordinary someten or twelve years ago. Automobiles were the opening wedge and following close on their rear wheels comes the three-wheeled machine that comes as close to cycling as anything could wen be. In France and England the new vehicles are now a common sight. The French in particular are just as enthusiastic as they ever were over the bicycle and that is saying a good deal. They ramp and tear across country on tricycles at a pace that vies with the speed of the express trains, while



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on the race tracks the motor events are just as popular as the bicycle races. Over in England good old "has beens" are having a new lease on life and the race-going public is treated to the sight of their old cycling champions once more straining every nerve to cross the tape first. In this country the Eastern cities were the first ones invaded.

Boston can be safely said to be the real center of the new sport and in the Hub the motorists are increasing in numbers, at the same time the best three-wheeled machines are now made by the same firms that supplied that favorite bicycle—The Columbia.

From a mechanical standpoint the 1901 bicycle show is more like those of early cycling days than any which have been held in recent years. This year master mechanics of the various factories seemed to have vied with each other to produce not only good bicycles, but distinctive models; consequently improvement is the order of the day. Chainless bicycles seem to have the call, and the manner into which they have sprung into popular favor, must prove a source of no little pride to pioneer champions of the bevel gears.

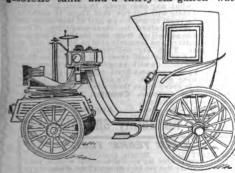
It will be of interest to know that a list of leading make of wheels includes one hundred and fourteen separate and distinct models of bicycles, which will be catalogued in 1901. This number could be swelled materially if the various options which are given to purchasers were also included. But the number above stated includes only the regular wheels of the various lines with their regular catalogue equipments.

The jobbing and parts sales department of

equipments.

The jobbing and parts sales department of the American Bicycle Company exhibits a large line of complete saddles, pedals, chains, steel balls and component parts of bicycles, also automobile chains and steel vehicle and automobile rims. Special attention is directed to the detachable automobile chain, an ingenious device which enables the automobilist to quickly repair his chain on the road, and with tools at hand. Another novelty is the connecting link for quick bicycle chain repair, doing away with the chain bolt and nut, or it can also word for increasing the langth of the with the for increasing the length of the chain when desired.

The chief points of advantage in one of the steam automobiles shown are its substantial construction, large power and great all around capacity. It is equipped with a water tube boiler of novel and ingenious design, a six and one-quarter horsepower engine, a nine gallon gasolene tank and a thirty-six gallon water



MOTOR HORSE.

ink. This great power, fuel and water capacing, makes it possible to drive the carriage at a gh rate of speed for a great distance before sh supplies are necessary. It is also equipped than auxiliary water pump, situated at the see of the steering handle, which, in case of ssible failure of the regular pump to work, ables the operator to keep up the boiler sup-

ply without leaving the seat and without un-due inconvenience. The mechanism is simpli-fied by the introduction of a throttle and reversing lever combined in one, which is of advantage to the operator in case of emergency, as the carriage can be reversed instantly by one motion.

It may not be generally known that the first bicycle inventor was Hiram Maxim, the man who afterwards became famous as the inventor

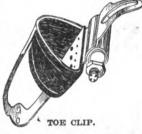
bleycie inventor was fifram maxim, the man who afterwards became famous as the inventor of the Maxim gun.

When the Maxims lived in Sangerville, Maine, they were poor. Hiram was such a bad boy that the neighbors wouldn't allow their children to have anything to do with him, and he was taken early from the village school, for which he had little love, and apprenticed to a painter. While he worked for the painter Hiram was 'etarnally tinkerin' " with old wheels and things, and the painter soon got tired of him. He rigged up from two wagon wheels and some other truck that he found under the paint shop what is supposed to have been the first safety bicycle ever built, and upon this crude machine he raced down the steep hills of Sangerville at a speed that threatened his own life and the safety of anybody or anything that he might meet in the road.

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One day he ran into an old farmer, wrecking the latter's wagon and making a general smashup, whereupon the farmer gave him a licking that lasted him a month and also took a fence rail and broke the "bicycle" to smithereens. That settled Hiram Maxim's experiments in the bicycle line, although he declares to this day that his first machine embodied all the salient features of the twentieth century wheel. The idea of the machine gun was not original with Hiram Maxim, having been a pet dream of his father's for years before Hiram was able to butter his own bread. The elder Maxim, however, lacked the mechanical skill to carry his ideas into effect, and it remained for his son to perfect the gun and reap the fortune and fame that came

from it. When he had finished his first model he was without money, and he borrowed \$100 from a friend to enable him to take the model to Washington. He received no encouragement from our own government, but in Europe he won



government, but
in Europe he won
fame and fortune, as everybody knows. He
came home a millionaire, and paid back the
\$100 with big interest.

Notwithstanding the diversity of opinion, I
feel justified in making the broad statement
that the bicycle has emancipated woman, revolutionized her dress and made possible the
longest strides in evolution ever taken by her.

The bicycle found woman shut in on all sides
by conventionalities; nervous and fretting under restraint she knew not how to throw off;
longing for the freedom allowed her brothers,
but hampered by race conditions in direct opposition; suffering from inertia and its attending ills brought on by sedentary employment
and lack of proper, pleasant exercise.

Every woman, whether she rides or not,
should rise up and call the bicycle blessed
when she thinks of what the bicycle has done.
She can now go out in the rain or attend to her
shopping in a dress which a few years ago she
would not have worn in the privacy of her own
home. It has reduced the summer outfit for
seaside or mountains to a minimum, for at
some of the most fashionable resorts it is the
proper dress for all day and every day until
evening. Judged from an economic standpoint it is an extremely important factor,
when compared with the old time work and
worry incident to the preparation for a summer's outing.

Lastly, the bicycle has brought woman near-

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Lastly, the bicycle has brought woman nearer to nature than she could ever otherwise have been brought, and to what purer source could she go for life's lessons and pastimes? Surely, in no college or school could there be found a larger and more varied curriculum than nature

larger and more varied curriculum than nature offers to those who will but look and listen.

No thinking woman can return from a ride in the country without feeling that it is grand to live, that the sweet odors, pure air and quiet have made her better able to again take up life's tangled skeins, which but for this brief respite would seem well-nigh impossible.

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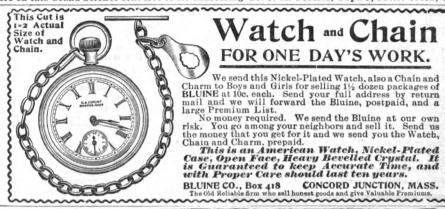
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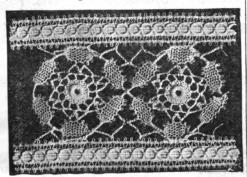
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fasten to part between ovals, 6ch., skip 3 loops of straight braid, put needle through first loop of oval and fourth loop of braid; draw the thread through. Repeat until you have fastened 6 loops of oval to 6 loops of braid; 6ch. fasten to part between the ovals; 6ch, skip 3 on braid, fasten to fourth loop; 6ch., tr. in third loop of first oval; tr. in third loop of next oval; 6ch. fasten to fourth loop in braid; 6ch., fasten on part between oval. Repeat until all are connected. The same on the other side for the insertion.

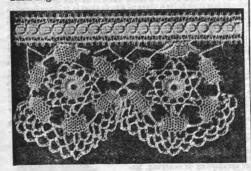
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For the outside edge make the same as the insertion except that you join straight braid to only one side. Make 4ch., join to first loop in oval; 4ch., join to third loop; 4ch., join to fourth loop; 4ch., join to sixth loop; 4ch., join to part between oval. Repeat until you have gone across; next row, 5ch., join into previous loop. Last row, 6ch. joined into the 5ch.

Ellen J. Carnady of Emporia, Kansas, has contributed the following on rag carpets.

"There are old garments and sheets and pillow cases in almost every house that might be utilized in making a rag carpet, and there is no floor covering that in point of usefulness or economy can compare with it. When a garment that cannot be worn again comes to the wash, cut off the buttons and bands, and tear it in strips from one-half to three-fourths of an inch wide; the finer they are the prettier the carpet will be. Put them in a bag or a box with a closely fitting cover so they will be protected from the dust. The work of sewing them is neither tedious nor difficult. When you have enough for a carpet, mix them thoroughly so the colors will be evenly distributed. Take them to the sewing machine, lap the ends of two strips and sew across the lap and back again; then without raising the machine foot, prepare the next strip and sew it. Continue until you have about a pound sewed, then clip the threads and wind into a ball. Rich dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, the colors will be carped with dark colors, the colors will be carped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark colors, sewed hit or miss and w produces a good effect and is very pretty for bedrooms, but it is too dark for a room that is in constant use; a dark carpet shows dust more than a light one. Hit or miss carpets usually have several colors in the warp arranged in

If you wish to make a striped carpet, save the dark rags for the hit or miss stripes and color



the white rags yellow, red, blue and green with diamond dye for cotton. They make the carpet bright and will be pretty as long as it lasts. Black and white warp woven in brick work is pretty for striped carpets, or all brown or black may be used and will look better than bright colors. Get the best warp, for it is always the warp that wears out first, and have the weaver put five hundred threads in a carpet one yard wide. One pound of warp will be re-

quired for three yards, and one and one-fourth pounds of rags will weave a yard of carpet." CROCHETED SLIPPERS.

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Chain 15 stitches, turn. Chain 1, 7 doubles in 1st 7 of 15 stitches, 3 doubles in the next stitch, 7 doubles in remaining 7 stitches, turn. 2nd row—chain 1, make 1 double in each of 8 stitches, [taking up back loop of stitch, to give the appearance of a rib,] 3 doubles in next stitch, 1 double in each of 8 stitches, turn. Continue in this way, making 3 doubles in the center stitch each time until the work measures six inches deep over the widenings. Start another row as usual, working only half way to Continue in this way, making 3 doubles in the center stitch each time until the work measures six inches deep over the widenings. Start another row as usual, working only half way to the widenings, then turn and work back on the stitches just made, exactly as in making the toe of the slipper. Work in this way until you have a strip long enough to reach around the heel to the other side of the front. Sew or crochet together the two sides of the foundation, which forms the toe of the slipper, and join the end of the strip to the other side of the front. Finish the upper edge with *1 treble in a stitch, chain 2, miss 2, and repeat, forming spaces in which to run elastic or ribbon; add a row of shells, *1 double under 2 chain, 2 trebles, 1 double treble, 2 trebles under next 2 chain, and repeat. Place a ribbon bow on instep, and join to the slipper sole by sewing on wrong side. Germantown is the best wool to use for this purpose with a bone hook of medium size. A pair of slippers in this pattern can easily be finished in an afternoon.

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CONDUCTED BY AUNT SARAH.



S a rule, the efficient housekeeper will con-sider the conveniences of the kitchen of the house she is to occupy, whether it be one that is hired or one that is built for her supervision. She knows well how much the routine of domestic life de-pends upon a well-ap-pointed and well-situated kitchen. She knows the value of good ventilation and plenty of light; she is well versed in the tedi-ousness of the base-ment kitchen.

well versed in the tediousness of the basement kitchen.

Many a house will contain a very good parlor, and it will be very imposing, perhaps, with its spacious ness. The visitor will feel very comfortable and his dinner or supper put away internally, will judge the whole merit of the house from the parlor and his happy stomach. How else could he?

Yet all the while the good housewife is enduring all sorts of vexations and inconveniences from an ill-arranged kitchen. She would like to take a few feet out of the parlor and have the benefit of it where it is needed more. She would like not only more room, but more air and light. The kitchen should be one of the best rooms in the house as regards the points mentioned, and, of course sleeping-rooms as well. Within the last twenty years the kitchen has been more duly considered, so that we do not see so many dark and cramped places as we used to. In modern times we have some things apon which we may be congratulated. As we have gained more knowledge and refinement in cook ing, so we have become more alive to the situ atton and the accessories of our kitchens. The kit chen, which ought to be the "lungs" of the house, is too often a real plague spot, into which the mistress cares not to inquire too closely. How gloomy is the underground kitchen. You have read of and probably seen, some of the dark, moist, and vapory London kitchen, in owhich the daylight vainly struggles to gain an entrance.

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some of the dark, moist, and vapory London litchers, into which the daylight vainly struggles to main an entrance.

You remember the "Marchioness" in the "Old Carlosity Shop," of Dickens, and her comparions, the black beetles down in the dingy, gloomy, underground kitchen. In kitchens have always been a matter of importance and in hygienic considerations help his we taken the lead, as well as their productions, the luxuries of the French Cuisine. Even the kitchen, the laboratory of the domestic would have been an evolution. In early doman days a vast apartment, back from the couse, served as a kitchen, and over it reigned the choice of cook with despotic rule. This was the case at least in the wealthy families; in others were often there was no kitchen at all, the cate are in the neighborhood supplied the meals at different rates in different localities, or a room served for the purpose; the lady of the house making the bread, and entrusting nothing of the cooking to the servants.

The atter is not of modern birth, but possesses an antiquity that dates as far back as the Homer cage when the kitchen was the heart of the house. Probably many of the Roman kitchen is were practically in the open air, there being to or of to the apartment set aside for the purpose, but an awning to shield from the sun and ai . In later days the Bayeaux tapestry gives us an idea of the open-air cooking of the Roman is.

The Sauls and Germans built their kitchens artime house, never within it, just as in India day the kitchen is a separate building until

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the kitchen is a separate building uncharge of a butler.

All old Norman castles included a round building completely roofed in which was the kitche, and which was on the same plan as in a series. As time went on, these kitche is grew in importance, and were often marre of architecture, finished off with windows and doors, every possible facility being for letting in fresh air and sunlight.

At first, the fire was built in the corner of the round but soon it became the central point, the sun we ascending to the roof in circles, and

ke ascending to the roof in circles, and finding an outlet to the many chimneys. ame the introduction of tables for the on of food; stools and other furniture. ude spit, let down from the ceiling, was by a boy, while the cook sat in dignity ng the proceeding. Soon the chimney ilt over the hearth, and then the man-

ilt over the hearth, and then the mane appeared.

the twelfth century only roasting and
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ep into an Italian kitchen shows us a egged brazier which stands in the center apartment, and near it bend two men while on the floor squats another man ows the bellows, and two lads, one on side the fires sit on chairs, turning with ds the iron bars on which some birds sting, while above the stove or brazier rom a strong beam bunches of vegetables,

old Roman kitchens were well equipped li the necessary utensils for the elaborate

dishes of those days of much feasting. There were gridirons on four wheels which were moved about as needed to cook the large quan-

moved about as needed to cook the large quantities of meat consumed in those days.

Gridirons were made of bronze, plated with silver. Shells made of bronze were used as moulds for pastry. Stock-pots had ladles attached, and colanders fitted inside to drain the vegetables, meats, etc. They had also a wonderful sauce-pan with a double bottom, in which pastry and light things for dessert were cooked by lighting a fire under the upper bottom upon which they rested. These sauce-pans were to be found in every well-appointed Roman kitchen.

Now for a few recipes from the sunny south.

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CHICKEN AND MUSHROOMS.

Melt two tablespoons butter, add three tablespoons flour and pour on gradually one-half cup each of chicken stock and milk; then add one and one-half cups chicken cut in dice and one-quarter pound mushrooms which have been previously sauted in butter until soft.

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CARNI CON CHILL.

Disjoint two chickens, season with salt and pepper, and fry in batter. Remove seeds and veins from eight red peppers, scald them until soft in enough boiling water to cover, mash and rub through a sieve. Add one teaspoon salt, one onion, two cloves of garlic finely-chopped, and boiling water to cover. Cook until chicken is tender. Thicken sauce before serving and pour around chicken.

ARROS CON TOMATES.

Melt two tablespoons butter, add one cup rice, and stir until well browned. Cook in double boiler until soft, in highly seasoned brown stock. Turn onto a serving dish, cover with creole sauce and garnish with pimento.

CREOLE SAUCE.

Cook two tablespoons chopped onion, two tablespoons chopped green pepper, one tablespoon chopped red pepper and four tablespoons chopped mushrooms in three tablespoons butter five minutes. Add two tablespoons flour, one cup tomatoes, a few slices truffle, one-quarter cup sherry wine and salt to taste. Simmer fifteen minutes.

CREOLE KISSES.

Blanch one-half pound almonds and cut in strips one-half of the nut meats and dry slowly in oven. Pour one-half cup boiling water over one-half cup sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved; then add remaining almonds and cook until syrup is a golden brown. Pour into a pan, cool and pound in mortar. Beat the whites of four eggs until stiff, add gradually one and one-quarter cups powdered sugar, one-half teaspoon vanilla, the almonds and one-quarter teaspoon salt. Shape, sift sugar over them and bake in a slow oven thirty minutes. CREOLE KISSES.

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the hum of busy, prosperous life. People are far too much oocupied at this season to have much time for reading, so I will be sparing of my remarks and hasten to unfold my budget of letters. The first comes from the far west, and tells us of

the electric railroad at Cripple Creek.

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"One of the chief objects of interest in Cripple Creek is the District Electric Railway, which connects a number of the largest mines of this district with 'the Greatest Gold Camp on Earth.'

"The cars leave Cripple Creek every half-hour, and wind around hills and grades so steep that it seems impossible for the power to pull the heavily loaded cars along. In some places the track can be seen below, so near that one can hardly believe the car ever passed over it. When the top of Gold Hill is reached a splendid view of the town of Cripple Creek and the surrounding country is obtained. The entire city is spread out so far below us as to appear almost like a bird's-eye view. At night it looks especially beautiful with its myriads of twinkling lights.

"Some of the most magnificent views, in a state noted for its beautiful scenery, can be had from points on this road. From Midway, a station about half-way between Cripple Creek and Victor, the view is unsurpassed. Toward the east one can see the rugged mountains of the Pike's Peak Range, with Pike's Peak rising cold and forbidding far above the other peaks. Looking westward, stretching from the northeast entirely around the horizon until hidden by the adjacent hills, are snow-capped mountain ranges, so far away that they look blue and hazy. In the Sangre De Cristo range are some of the highest peaks of the Rocky Mountains. On this side of the highest range we can see the wide valley of the Arkansas River, one of the most fertile in the state. Nearer are mountains with smaller valleys between them, while on the hills around us are mines known all over the world for their countless wealth of gold.

"At times while passing around the tops of the hills, Cripple Creek and the country for miles around is enveloped in the clouds, but where we are the sun is shining brightly. In the evening, from nearly every part of Cripple Creek we can see the brilliantly lighted cars ascending and

Now let us cross to Scotland in company with Mrs. Early and enjoy with her the lovely views of Loch Katrine and the Trossachs.



THE TROSSACHS HOTEL.

starts on the Trossachs trip. There were eight large brakes full of passengers on the trip which your correspondent is now describing. The country is very beautiful, mountains, lakes and great sloping woodlands combining to lend it charm. The heather which covers everything gives a pinkish purple haze to the landscape, and at every turn you find children who are ready to toss you a large bunch of it for a penny. Three different kinds were noticeable—the white, which is quite rare, and two kinds of purple heather. An old man with a tartan around his shoulders, performing on

and premiums you select, pay freight and allow you time to den before paying us. AMERICAN SUPPLY CO., 806 North Main Street, the bagpipes and attempting the Highland fling, lent a still more distinctively Scotch character to the bagpipes and attempting the Highland ling, lent a still more distinctively Scotch character to the landscape. The driver pointed out every thing of interest by name, though his Scotch dialect made it difficult for the passengers to understand him. On the way they passed in sight of Bruce's Monument, Bannockburn hill, Loch Achray and

Ben Ledi.
"The travelers stopped for lunch at the Trossachs

"The travelers stopped for lunch at the Trossachs Hotel, the building represented in the picture before us, an extremely restful spot, with its grand mountain scenery and bracing air. From this point the tourists proceeded to Loch Katrine, rendered so familiar by Scott's 'Lady of the Lake'.

Beneath him rolled;
In all her length far winding lay,
With promontory, creek, and bay,
And islands that, empurpled bright.
Floated amid the livelier light;
And mountains, that like giants stand
To sentinel enchanted land.
High on the south, huge Ben-venue
Down to the lake in masses threw
Crags, knolls, and mounds, confus'dly hurled
The fragments of an earlier world."

"Ellen's Isle' was also pointed out to the travel-

The fragments of an earlier world."

"'Ellen's Isle' was also pointed out to the travelers, but it was a rocky, unpectic looking spot.

"Leaving Loch Katrine behind they took coach for Inversnaia, passing through a peat country and watching the natives gather peat on the way. Near Inversnaia is Rob Roy's grave. Indeed go where you will in Scotland, you can scarcely miss seeing some spot rendered famous by the glorious pen of Sir Walter Scott, and this is especially the case with the Highlands, where so many of his most thrilling scenes are laid.

"Whilst waiting for a boat to carry them across Loch Lomond, the traveler, visited a fine waterfall. After crossing, they took the train for Glasgow, having spent a thoroughly delightful and interesting day in the Trossachs."

MARY W. EARLY. Lynchburg, Va.

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Most of us have seen the exhibitions of "glass-makers" at fairs, summer resorts, etc., but not many have ever seen the inside of a glass manufac tory, so the following letter will, I am sure, possess

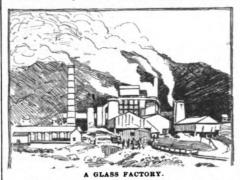
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tory, so the following letter will, I am sure, possess much interest to most of us.

'The manufacture of glass is one of the noted industries of Pennsylvania. The first glass factory built in this country was located in this state, in that portion of it now known as Fayette county.

"A short time ago I had the good fortune to visit one of the largest glass factories in the state and one which contains most of the modern improvements in glass-making. In the center of the factory was a roaring furnace, the inside of which was a lake of molten glass in a white heat. The temperature of the furnace was so intense that the 'gathering boy' was compelled to use a cow-board over his face to protect it from the heat.

"The manufacture of window glass is more bewildering and fascinating than that of any other variety. A pipe, which has been heated in the furnace, is pushed by the gathering boy into the furnace, is pushed by the gathering boy into the furnace, its lowly around and then, pulling it out, he carries it to a tub near by, where he waits for the glass to cool. When it is cold enough he takes it to the furnace again and repeats the first operation, only increasing the size of his glass bulb Then he returns it to the tub and when sufficiently cool he begins to 'block' it in order to shape it up for the third 'gather', which is necessary for what is called a single strength roller. After its third cooling the pipe is carried to the block for the blower, who takes it from the gatherer and begins shaping it for the size of the roller he is making. In order to properly distribute the glass the blower makes many intricate manouvers, holding the



glistening bubble at times above his head and then permitting it to swing back into what is called the swing hole. When the proper dimensions have been attained the blower passes the roller to the snapper who proceeds to blow the hole in its end. This hole is blown by heating the roller slowly at the end and blowing slight puffs into the pipe, holding the finger over the end to prevent the escape of the air. This done he deposits the roller on two frame horses where it gradually cools. When perfectly cold it is sent to the cutting room. Here the greatest skill and judgment are required, for a poor or inexperienced cutter plays havoc with the profits of the window glass company in a very little while.

"The articles used in the manufacture of glass are prified white sand, lime, sulphate of soda, arsenic, manganese, salt cake and broken glass or 'cullet'." FREDERICK L. NEULAND, Lucinda, Pa.

I bave often thought I should like to see Wis-

"One of the most charming features of Scotch travel is a coaching trip through the Trossachs of the Southern Highlands, between Scotland's two great cities, Edinburgh and Glasgow. This region is a famous resort for travelers on account of its magnificent scenery and bracing air, and is also popular from being a fine hunting country, being well stocked with pheasants and other game.

"The hunting season begins the last of August, which is very much like our bright October weather. The tourist leaves Edinburgh by railway, but after about an hour's travel gets off, takes a brake, and in Wisconsin. Several legends are told of its naming, but I have no room for them here. The lake is two miles long and a mile wide, and near the shore pleasant little description of one of them.

"Situated about three miles southeast of Baraboo. Wisconsin, is Devil's Lake. You may wonder at the odd name but I can assure you that it is not at all appropriate, as this lake is as beautiful as any in Wisconsin. Several legends are told of its naming, but I have no room for them here. The lake is two miles long and a mile wide, and near the shore there is a solid sand bottom which may be plainly seen through the clear water. Bluffs rise on three sides of the lake to the height of several hundred feet, and in the formation and grouping of the rocks of which they are composed there are some peculiar features. At one place they are piled in such a manner as to resemble a large gateway, and these bear the name of 'Devil's doorway.' Other parts of the bluffs, for similar reasons, bear the names of 'Devil's Nose,' 'Devil's Darning Needle,' 'Devil's Caif,' etc.

"On the sast side of the lake the reilroad passes."

Call, etc.
"On the east side of the lake the railroad passes between the lake and the foot of the highest bluff and continues on through a ravine. There are hotels here for those who wish to board, and cottages for others who prefer a more quiet life."

LIZZIE ATTEDGE, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Here is a pleasant letter giving som account of the convicts employed in Alabama. Our correspondent says:

spondent says:

"I enjoy reading Comfort, and particularly the 'Chats with Aunt Minerva', very much, and I wonder if a few of the things I saw while on a visit home would not be of interest to the nicees and nephews. My home is in Alabama, and I reached there on election day, finding the weather very warm and springlike. The trees were like great bouquets, with their leaves of every color.

"The day after I arrived my sister and I drove to

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WHILE there are some people who have a vague idea issued 100 or 1000 years ago are worth fabulous very few know that coin issued only a few years ago are premium. For instance, the silver dollars of 1835 and the earlier ones. The first Columbian half-dollars, issued for \$1,000. All the half-dollars from 1879 to 1820 are at a maios Isabella quarters of 1833, the the property of th dian especially. There is also a premium on so MINT MARKS O, S, C, D or CC;

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a small town about two miles away, where lime is burned. In Alabama convict labor is employed; that is, the convicts are hired out by the state to men who need their services. To every eight convicts there is one guard who marches back and forth, all day long, watching his prisoners. At night the convicts are kept in a building which might be called a house within a house, so high is the stockade with which it is surrounded. Inside this stockade bloodhounds are kept, and if a prisoner escapes, which sometimes happens, these are at once put upon his scent.

"Two convicts escaped while I was there. We were at breakfast when the long, dreadful cries of the dogs announced the fact, and shortly afterwards a man on horseback stopped to ask if we had seen any strange men passing. It is hard for a convict to escape on account of his clothes, a striped suit of black and white, and as he makes it his first care upon escaping to exchange this for less noticeable garments, and would do almost anything to obtain them, people are afraid of him and willingly give information which will lead to his capture if possible.

"If a convict escapes the man who is hiring him is obliged to pay to the state the sum of fifty dollars, and if not retaken this sum is increased to, I think, two hundred dollars; so every precaution is taken to prevent them from getting away.

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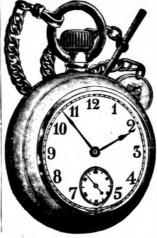
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WOMAN'S CLUB, LOS ANGELES.

be a realization. A fine lot of land on Beacon street, near State House, has been

secured and the plans for the building call

with large and small club rooms, secture halls and one large auditorium. The basement will be utilized for shops and the upper floor tor ar tists' studios which have already been spoken for at good rentals, so that the success of the scheme as a business venture seems already assured. In fact, the club boyest so for hear sured. In fact, the club houses so far have proved to be paying ventures, several of them paying a very handsome per cent through their rentals to outside parties. Within the with an intheir rentals to outside parties. Within the limits of Bost on there is but one other woman's club house, that being the Dorchester Woman's of oak and Club House, which was built by the heroic efforts of a corporation made up of individuals from that large and active club, which has already paid a good per cent. annually on the cost of the structure. The Cantabrigia Club of a club house in the near future, but most of the other clubs are depending on the Beacon Street structure, known as the Boston Woman's Club House. The first woman's club house in Massachusetts was built in Andover by the November Club.

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November Club.

The first stock company of women to exist in the United States, it is said, was that formed in Milwaukee by members of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin in 1886 for the purpose of building the first woman's club house in America. This club house is of particular interest as it was the gathering place of several thousand women in June when the Biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held in that city. Mrs. James S. Peck, wife of ex-Governor Peck was the prime mover in this building project, just as she beat been the prime mover in most important movements in her city for many years. Mrs. Peck was the President of the Local Board of Managers to welcome the several thousand

On entering one is struck at once with the artistic taste that has been exercised in all the arrangements. The decorations are in soft, delicate tones that we have come to appreciate as restful and inviting, a beautiful harmony of coloring being preserved through every apartment. On the first floor is the club parlor, capable of seating two hundred persons. It is handsomely furnished and fitted. A library and a small tea-room—used, too, for committee meetings—are on the same floor, a central hall adding to the spacious effect. The second story, excepting for dressing rooms, is a noble assembly room with a high arching roof—an ideal music or ball room as large as the club parlor, above, the decorations here being in white A kitchen suite with pantry, store-room, etc. adjoins this room. The club believes in the silent but effective education of artistic surroundings, and it has accumulated in its years of housekeeping many beautiful things. The Athenaeum cost twenty-five thousand dollars and is now valued at forty thousand. The shares of the stock are twenty-five dollars each and have earned handsome dividends each year.

The Propyleum of Indiana was one of the steps towards organizing a stock company for

The Propyleum of Indiana was one of the first club houses built in this country, the first steps towards organizing a stock company for this purpose having been taken in 1888. Mrs. May Wright Sewall, whose name is familiar wherever women's club were ever heard of, was the founder of this scheme. The capital stock is twenty-eight thousand. It is a beautiful and the first floor of the state of the musical club of Grand Rapids, also owns a handsome club house of stone, brick and terra cotta costing over fifther where the first floor of the state of the musical club of Grand Rapids, also owns a handsome club house of stone, brick and terra cotta costing over fifther where the first floor of the state of the musical club of Grand Rapids, also owns a handsome club house of stone, brick and terra cotta costing over fifther where the first floor of the first floo

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HALLWAY OF LOS ANGELES CLUB HOUSE.

an indispensable and paying feature of the capital city of Indiana.

No club house in this country is better known mover in this ruilding project, just as she had been the prime mover in most important movements in her city for many years. Mrs. Peck was the President of the Local Board of Managers to welcome the several thousand club women to Milwaukee last summer. The name of the Wisconsin Club House is the Athenaeum and there open house was kept throughout the Biennial, while some of the smaller meetings were held in the assembly hall which is capable of seating 500 persons.

This club house in this country is better known to club women at large than the New Century of Philadelphia. This club house was the direct outcome of the Athenaeum in Milwaukee. It is a more expensive building however, having cost some \$80,000. Here were held the meetings of the Biennial in 1894 and the Council of the G. F. W. C. in 1899. The small hall is in constant demand by outside parties for private theatricals, balls, receptions and concerts and the income accruing therefrom pays a handsome percentage on the original investment. It occupies one building lot on a down town street and is constructed of Pompeiian

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village, as a club house. Now it happened that this organization which he desired to favor had been incorporated with all the pomp and ceremony of the law under the name of the Woman's, Club and therefore could not under that name inherit the property meant for them At last accounts they were making an effort to get around the law in some way.

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to get around the law in some way.

Illinois, too, is quite up-to-date in the matter of club houses. Peoria has a beautiful club house which was completed in 1894. The main entrance leads into a tiled vestibule opening into a reception hall. The spacious parlor with its decorations and furnishings in the style of Louis XIV. is the embodiment of coziness and good cheer. The library, committee rooms and large commodious dining-room and kitchen

brick and terra cotta. On the first floor is a fine large parlor with several reading and committee rooms, a superintendent's office and a large hall and vestibule. The drawing-room or auditorium occupies two stories above and is approached by a massive oak staircase A supper room and a smaller tearoom connect with it. On the fourth floor are kitchens, well equipped to furnish refreshments to whatever club festivity may be going on. Among the distinguished women who have been president of this club and have had much to do with its success is Mrs. Charles G. Ames, now well known in Boston. The New Club House was designed by a woman, Mrs. Minerva Parker Nichols, and cost eighty thousand dollars. By the way, the architect who has charge of the Boston Clubhouse is Miss Josephine Wright. Chapman.

There are several club houses for women in Michigan, that of the Laties' Literary Club of Grand Rapids being perhaps the best known. This was built about the same time that the Milwaukee Athenaeum was erected and has earned over \$2500 a year for the club during the recent years of its existence. It is open every day in the week, heated and cared for and the fact that this rendezvous is always awaiting them has helped to make this club one of the largest and most influential in the country.

The St. Ceclila Society, the musical club of Grand Rapids, also owns a handsome club house of stone, brick and terra cotta costing over fifty thousand dollars. The Lansing Woman's Club balve as women's club of Grand Rapids, also owns a handsome club house in the first floor of which is valued at \$6000. It is a substantial two story brick building, the first floor of which is occupied by a bus in essafirm. It was in Michigan that a man dide so me two years a go who belonged to profession the second. The kitchen is in the basement. There is an ideal auditorium with a spacious stage and a setting capacity of five humbers club mest fact bub with the sapure ture in all cases, and is a source of pride and club which was ture in all cases, and

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bu also entered directly from 'Tuckerman Street, and on this floor will be parlors, reception-rooms, etc. As is customary in most women's club houses, the large assembly room will be on the second floor and will seat some six hundred received.

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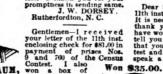
The Middlesex Woman's Club of Lowell has beautiful headquarters, although they do not own the building which they occupy. They are in the Pollard building on Middle Street. Their Colonial Hall seats some six hundred and is beautifully decorated, having a commodious stage with all its accessories connected with it and several parlors and ante rooms, the club occupying the entire floor. The decorations and furnishings are all of the most beautiful style of modern art and there is no more delightful spot for a club to meet than their delightful spot for a club to meet than their

club house.

The Los Angeles, California, Woman's Club The Los Angeles, california, woman's club is about completing a very handsome club house, one of the prime movers in building it being Mrs. Caroline Severance, who helped (CONTINUED ON PAGE 19.)







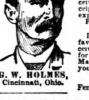
Gentlemen—I received your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing check for \$81.00 in payment of prizes Nos. Ontest. I also Contest. I also Won Eremme Osage. Mo. cigars from my neighbor, who said I would not get anything even if I guessed

would not get anything even if I guesse PERRY SIMONS. Hetland, So. Dak

Gentlemen—I presented my check yesterday on the Central Savings Bank and received \$5,000 in payment of the second prize which I won in your Census Guessing Contest. I wish to sincerely thank you for the prompt payment of same.

Yours very truly.

McLAUGHLIN. G. W. HOLMES, Detroit, Mich. Cincinnati, Ohio.





Yours respectfully, Tuscola, Mich. W.J. HARRISON.

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge the check or \$75.00 which you kindly sent me. and blige, With many thanks, Darien, Conn. LEROY MONROE.

Dear Sirs—I am in recept of your check for #200.00 in payment of the sixth prize in your Census Guessing Contest, for which please accept my most hearty thanks.

MISS D. E. LEDOUX. Glen Falls, N. Y.

when an opportunity is afforded.

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Lawndale, N. C.

J. D. RHODES. Knozville, Ala.

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An April shower of greetings to you all, my dears, and a wish that they will bring you May flowers of all kinds of earthly blessings. And with this sincere salutation let us get to work on the real talk that we are all so interested in.

On the real tank that we are all so interested in.

The first one in the list is Cousin Alice of Water Valley, Miss. and she wants to correspond with some of the cousins, if I will give her their addresses. But I cannot, because I do not believe in unknown correspondence? of any kind. I know that sometimes much pleasure and no harm comes of it, but there are too many chances of harm to take any risks, so I must refuse the request of Cousin Alice and of all others making a similar one.

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Topsy, Valton, Wis.—There are firms in Milwaukee and Chicago which buy such pictures as you paint, but you will have to go there and let them see what you can do and accept their prices until you have made a name for yourself. (2) There is nothing to do when you have been thanked publicly by a meeting except to say how glad you are and how much you appreciate such recognition of what you have done. Write such a note to the President. President.

President... Mildred, Austin, Texas.—Don't use arsenic. Exercise, proper diet and care of the skin is the best thing for the complexion. (2) The best training for the stage is the dramatic school. You can learn there whether you have the qualifications or

Lygia, Neenah, Wis.—The work of teaching may not pay quite as well as that of trained nurse, but it is far less difficult and does not require anything like the amount of time and nervous energy and strain. My advice is to continue teaching.

Gray Eyes, Shell Lake, Wis.—I have answered all your questions at least fifty times in this column, and now ask you one: "Do you ever read what I say?"

Blue Grass, Ashland, Ky.—Haven't space to print "My Maryland" in this column. You will find it in any collection of southern poems, or in Dana's "Household Poetry."

Mae and Ero, Silver Star, Mich.—"May a girl except a small present from a boy older than herself?" "Yes, and it would be better than to accept it; but better still—it would be for her to learn to spell before she talks about beaus.

Spell before she talks about beaus.

Cousin Frankie, Saratoga, N. Y.—Socially a chef is not recognized as a gentleman, although he may have all the instincts and manners of one and be more of a man than many so called gentlemen. You did wrong in accepting the attentions of a man you did not know, but your uncle has no right to call him "a tough" unless he knows him to be one. You are more to blame than anyone else.

Marguerite, Lewiston, Me.—If your parents or guardian permit you to go to dances and theatres, I suppose it is correct. (2) Good novels may be read with benefit. (3) Ask your escort in if it is not too late. (4) If a girl of fourteen can be a house-keeper she ought to be glad. Don't go to the theatre very often.

Brown Eyes, Odin, Ills.—To prevent hair falling out, wash the head each night rubbing in the following: Teaspoonful salt, gramme and a half of quinine added to a pint of brandy; mix well.

Peach Bud, Cosmos, O.—Yes, it is right to ask the gentleman to call again. (2) Make your own reply to an introduction.

Florence, Philadelphia, Pa.—A sensible girl of fifteen will laugh at the young man who makes love to her. (2) Tell the young man he can not go with you because your parents object.

Snow Flake, Post, Ore.—Rosy cheeks are nature's product.

Anna, Upland, Neb.—In congratulating a married couple it is best to say you are very glad and to wish them all earth's blessings. There is no form for those things.

for those things.

Rose Bud, Valley City, N. D.—The young man is not acting fairly with you. Tell him so, and discontinue your relations with him.

M. K. Traverse, Minn.—Presents of flowers, books and candy are permissible from a young man to whom you are not engaged. (2) Thank the young man for his escort. (3) Cake walks at dances are acquiged in, but they are not refined. (4) Don't dance with one man all the evening. (5) Yes.

Violet. Myerstown, Pa.—Don't write to a young man until you know how to begin and end your letter.

Barnesville, Minn.—Don't be married in all white is the correct thing. (2) Custom as to wearing mourning; a year for a sister,

Bleeding Heart, Ville de Collins, N. J.—It is in-eed quite "pommes de terre", to do things you mention, but isn't your French struck by Jersey

lightning?
Lina, Pinkney, N. C.—An unmarried woman should never be called an "old maid." (2) She can't. (3) If you have done wrong it is your duty to ask the young man's forgiveness. (4) I only wish I could tell you how to earn your living, but that is a question each of us must answer for herself.

Sweet Violet, Brooklyn, O.—The man who "fools around with other girls" is a flirt, and that is the kind to let alone.

**Chatterbox, Moweaqua, Ills.—Better wait until you receive a present before giving one. (2) Unless you are engaged there is no harm in accepting the attention of as many nice men as you can.

Bertha, Providence, R. I.—Ask your mother the questions you have asked me. You need looking after.

The Chums, Eustis, Fla.—The exchanging of photographs is admissible among friends of long standing, and so is the wearing of rings. (2) Explain to the young man concerning the falsehoods that have been told.

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Blue Eyes, Decatursville, O.—Physiology is in all the examinations. (2) Better let hypnotism alone.

Coyote, Larimore, N. D.—It is not improper for a girl to ride horseback. (2) Spank the fourteen year old child and send her to bed and sic the dogs on the young man.

Orange Blossom, Lincoln, Del.—Knowledge of organ playing is of no value in playing any stringed instrument. Rudiments of the music only are the

Mamie, Chicago, Ills.—It is quite the proper thing to acknowledge a wedding gift by letter, but, my dear, don't you think you could write it yourself without my help? I didn't receive the present.



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May Rose, Mann, Texas.—No, to both your questions.

Poor Girl, Noble County, Okla.—You must ask the people in your own town what you want to know. It is impossible for any one else to tell you. Vio-Rose, Volcano, W. Va.—If the man won't give up his bad habits for his sweetheart, he certainly will not for his wife. (2) Forty is too old

for sixteen. Nan, South Heart, N. D.—Third finger left hand.
(2) It is no more proper to ask a man in leap year
to marry you than it is any other time.

Amy, Greenwich, Conn.—Gray slippers with gray gown and no veil. (2) Your idea of wedding cards is in bad taste. Better keep to the old style.

Moss Rose, Bellville, Texas.—Don't write to him until you first hear from him. (2) I really don't know.

Kitty, Baukana, Mich.—There are no "complex-ion receipts;" what is good for one complexion may ruin another. Proper exercise, diet and bathing, is the only rule of general application. (2) Wear any kind of a light waist that is becom-

There, dears, all the questions have been answered that should have been answered and I hope you will profit by them. The Lord be with us till we talk again.

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Whale fishing was carried on by the Norwegians as early as 1837.

SEEING IS BELIEVING.

One often sees the expression in an advertisement "Money refunded if not as advertised." This, of course, is done for the purpose of inspiring confidence in a probable buyer, for the reason that any one contemplating a purchase from a concern making such an offer feels reasonably sure that if the goods are not satisfactory, their money will be returned. In this issue we have an advertiser who goes still further and says, We do not have to promise money back if not as advertised; we ship our goods on credit; in this way you see and know everything is as advertised, before paying one cent of money. Read the large advertisement on another page of this firm has been in business a number of years, are well known for their promptness and conscientious manner of keeping all their promises. Readers who answer this advertisement will undoubtedly be pleased with the liberal terms offered by this firm and which is called attention to in the announcement.

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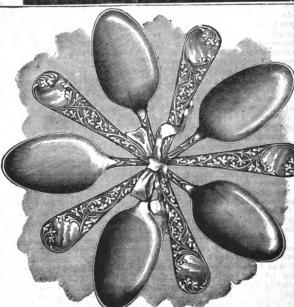
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Each one of the above three lines of figures spells the name of a great city in the United States. This is a brand new puzzle and can be solved with a little study, as follows: There are twenty-six letters in the alphabet, and we have used figures in spelling the cities instead of letters. Letter A is number 1, Il number 2, C mmbrd 2, etc., throught the entire alphabet. In NUMBER 11 (1970) of 1, 1970 of



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Women's Club Houses.

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form the New England Woman's Club in Bosform the New England Woman's Club in Boston more than thirty years ago. The Cincinnati Woman's Club, the Woman's Club of Minneapolis and several other prominent clubs in different parts of the country are building club houses at present. Wherever these structures have been put up they have proved to be the centres of social and intellectual life of the town, and have invariably proved good business ventures, paying handsome dividends. Doubtless in ten years from now the woman's club house will be considered almost a necessity to every ambitious town and altogether too common to allow of newspaper articles being written about it. written about it.

Princess Beatrice.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HEN the world turns from sor-row over the death of Queen Victoria, its thoughts natur-ally center on the figure of her eldest son, Ed-ward VII., now King of England. But we who visited the Isle of Wight that summer think first of mer think first of the Princess Beatrice, and of the fortunate day when it was our privilege to see the late

We were standing on the end of the pier at Ryde. At our feet, a trig little pinnace bearing the royal coat of arms, rocked lazily on the waves that curled and rippled about it. When

waves that curled and rippled about it. When a traveler sees an emblem of royalty emblazoned is the company of the stand by," as Captain Cuttle would say, to see what comes of it.

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things.

The Duke of Connaught, by far the handsomest member of the English royal family, has an aristocratic, high-bred face, and carries himself with a military air. The duchess, who is a German, is quite plain, with an uncomfortable amount of flesh.

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fortable amount of flesh.

The face of the Princess Beatrice impresses one as honest, sensible, motherly and good. In fact, as a voluble shop-keeper said to us the day before: "All the Queen's girls are good girls." The ladies were simply dressed, the princess wearing a plain black skirt and jacket with a white sailor hat. A sailor hat seems to be the national head gear of an Englishwoman, by the way. by the way.

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In an unostentatious, but business-like manner, H. R. H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, or the Princess Beatrice, as she is familiarly called, goes over the island attending her duties. She makes purchases at the little shops, and occasionally drops into some quiet cafe for afternoon tea. Since the death of the former governor, Prince Henry of Battenberg, the position has been held by his widow, the Princess Beatrice. While the title may be an honorary one, there are many real duties, well performed by this youngest daughter of the late Queen. She is the patron ess of charitable bazaars held on the island during the summer, and it was on one of these occasions that we saw Queen on one of these occasions that we saw Queen

Victoria.

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When it was announced that her Majesty would attend a midsummer fete given at Carisbrooke Castle in aid of the parish church, the success of the un dertaking was assured.

The castle, finely situated on top of a wooded hill, is of itself well worth a visit. On the date of the fete it took on an unwonted air, and develoed gypsy tents in historic corners, with mysterious palmists lurking in time-honored ledges. The ancient banqueting hall, with its timbered roof and crumbling walls, was transformed into a theater with an improvised slage. The private chapel of King Charles became a dressing-room for the artists. Pleasure seekers poured in by coach, and by train, and the place became enlivened with music and laughter.

A Biegele Caris

A Bicycle Gymkhana was held on the old green. All sorts of competitions took place during the ride and prizes were awarded the winners. There was an egg and spoon race, and there were lay figures to be picked up from the ground without dismounting. Two of the games secreted works. English and less of the games seemed more English and less familiar than the others. One was called a Gretna Green race. Each gentleman rode from the starting point, leading his fair one's bicycle to the half-way post, where the lady mounted and rode with him to the notary's table. Then they rode back, hand in hand, to the starting point, the first couple to arrive there winning the prize.

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The gentleman carried the paste bucket and posters; the lady carried the brush. Posters were stuck right side up on boarding, as the place for bills is called in England. The bills had to stick until the competitors returned to the starting point.

Tea was served. It was expensive, to be sure, Tea was served. It was expensive, to be sure, and the service was not beyond criticism. A cup without a saucer is by no means the most convenient arrangement. A spoon handed one by a member of the nobility is soothing so far as it goes, and may be considered as a symptom of tea; but when it is not followed by any further evidences of refreshment, considerable is left to the imagination. Not every day, however, does one have the honor to be served by high-born ladies; and as they looked on all deficiencies as a huge joke, American good humor was soon able to see things in the same light.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, with her children and other members of the family, appeared at four o'clock—in time to attend the

peared at four o'clock—in time to attend the concert.

Two hours later, in the mellow afternoon light, just as the sun was flashing messages that were caught by the royal standard as it floated from the old keep, the Queen arrived at the castle. A little old, old lady in a pair of spectacles, seated in the corner of an open landau. So small was this little old, old lady, as to be almost hidden from view by the high sides of the carriage. She wore a mushroom shaped hat, tied under her chin, and there was a drop curtain sort of veil which the young princess who was with her, tucked up and around the hat in order that the people might have a good view of their revered sovereign, have a good view of their revered sovereign, Victoria, Queen of England. As Her Majesty turned to acknowledge some

Victoria, Queen of England.

As Her Majesty turned to acknowledge some lusty cheering near us, we saw one familiar feature—the round mouth that we have learned to know in the youthful pictures of the Queen. The outriders in scarlet made way for the coachman who handled the reins over a pair of grays. A Scotchman in national costume also sat on the box, but there was no call for his assistance as the Queen did not leave the carriage Members of the royal family grouped themselves about the august visitor. The scene was a pretty one. On one side, gray, ivy-grown walls; on the other, a beautiful lawn backed by fine old trees. Several teams of lady cyclists with their machines tastefully decorated in flowers, rode in procession. Picturesque gypsies carrying tambourines, walked by making deep obeisance as they did so. To all the arrangements made for her entertainment the Queen gave pleased and interested attention.

The royal visit lasted about half an hour; then, amid cheers and to the strains of the national anthem, Her Majesty left Carisbrooke and rode on toward Osborne House, the place now in the minds of all as the last earthly home of a noble woman—the late Queen and Empress—Victoria

of a noble woman-the late Queen and Empress

MANUFACTURED ART.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HE close of the day's HE close of the day's work brings me to where, on my way home, a dark-eyed, s warthy-skinned, s miling Italian stands on the corner, and presides over a basket of little plaster images—Venuses. ter images—Venuses, A pol los, Mercurys, Dantes, lions, lioness-

Dantes, lions, lionesses, flower girls, Washingtons, Deweys and other celebrities. One evening a particularly pretty little statuette attracted my attention, and in the conversation that followed I became greatly interested in the subject of these little, works of art. Under the direction of my friend accordingly I one day visited the place where his stock in trade was manufactured.

The making of these image-reproductions of some of the greatest works of ancient art, as well as some more modern work of our foremost sculptors—which are so common on the street corners and in our homes, gives employment to a large number of men in our large

ment to a large number of men in our large cities, and is a process of manufacture about which comparatively little is known. vendor of the images is often also the manufac-turer, though it is oftener the case that one of these establishments fills the baskets of dozens of the peddlers. Some out-of-the-way basement is usually chosen for the workshop. Each man employed does his one special part of the work, though none of them are artists. Some good sculptor is usually employed to copy the piece to be reproduced in marble or clay. This pattern he sells to the factory or sometimes leases it for a fair price. This copy is used for a model from which all the plaster reproductions are taken. There are two processes of making the reproduction. In the first the model is made of rive, and in the other which

es of making the reproduction. In the first the model is made of glue, and in the other, which is used in the reproduction of panels and plaques, a model of sulphur is used.

In the first process the model is first thoroughly oiled, and is then hung in a vat of liquid glue. The glue adheres to the image and is allowed to cool and harden, when it is cut away in two pieces. The model is removed, the mould fastened together again and liquid plaster poured into the hollow.

plaster poured into the hollow.

The rough cast thus produced is then taken by another workman, who with a knife smoothes off the rough edges left by the glue mould. Another goes over the whole figure and rubs and smoothes it still further into shape. It an ivory finish is desired the cast is shellacked and by the application of different kinds of paints it is made, to resemble bronze or terra-cotta to suit the fancy of the purchas-The other was a bill posting competition. kinds of paints it is made to rescale of the purchas-

Often very meritorious work is done by

er. Often very meritorious work is done by these workmen in shading the casts, by a judicious use of paint in the deeper parts.

In making a plaster image like a statuette it is necessary to mould different parts of the figure separately, and these parts are afterwards firmly joined by means of wooden pegs and the joint cleverly concealed with plaster. Then, too, a leg or an arm in a larger cast is sometimes made stronger by means of a wire embedded in the plaster. All these processes require no little skill on the part of the workmen.

In the use of the sulphur mould the model is covered with melted sulphur, which, when cool, makes a much more durable mould than glue, which is not good for more than a dozen

castings.

But supplying the baskets of street peddlers with images is not the only channel by which the plaster image manufacturer disposes of his wares. A considerable business is carried on with the clothing stores, milliners, hair-dress-ers and the like, and the beauties we see adorn-ing the show windows and displaying to ad-

vantage Brown's \$5 suit of clothes, or Jones latest creation in spring head gear, also had their origin in the plaster image factory. Another source of revenue is in supplying the art schools with models in the form of plaster casts, while some of the larger and better class of these manufactories make really meritorious reproductions of large works of art which are of these manufactories make really meritorious reproductions of large works of art, which are used as mural decorations in some of our homes. Lately some of these places also have taken plaster casts of the hands of people vain enough to think that member worth preserving, and rich enough to gratify the whim.

The business in America is yet young. Most of the images were formerly made abroad, (principally Italy) and exported to America, but of late tariff charges have made it cheaper for the vendors to have the work done here.

In conclusion, whatever our views may be on the subject of art, who shall say that the business that places in our homes, at a ridiculously small price, reproductions of all that is best in ancient as well as modern sculpture, is not worthy a high place in our esteem?







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Chats With Aunt Minerva.

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"We heard afterwards that these two men had requested permission of their guard to go into the woods a few steps to get a stick to use in driving the oxen, with whose help they were hauling logs. The guard consented, but the men, instead of returning to their work ran deeper and deeper into the woods. They were fired upon, but the trunks and foliage of the trees protected them and they got away. The guard could not follow them until he had locked up the remaining six convicts under his charge, so they had a long start of him. One of them was never caught. The penalty for an attempt at escape is a whipping in addition to the fact that an escaped convict must serve his whole sentence over again, dating from the time of his recapture, no matter how much of it had been already served, so it is not often that one of them tries to escape."

MRS. LOUIE V. YEAGLEY, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Our next letter takes us back to our own coun-

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try, and to its earliest colonial days.

"I am sure that quite a number of Aunt Minerva's nieces and nephews are familiar with the story of the lost island. Atlantis, but how many of them have ever heard of Dorchester, the city that passed

away.
"In 1696, while Charleston, South Carolina, was yetin its infancy, a settlement was made in that State by a band of Congregationalists from Dor-



RUINS OF THE OLD WHITE MEETING HOUSE.

chester, Massachusetts, who embarked December 5,1695, in two small vessels. Though they had a rough passage, encountering many severe gales, they reached the Carolina coast safely, and in a little less than two weeks. They ascended the Ashley River almost to its headwaters, and there began the settlement to which they gave the name of the one whence they had come.

"They took up their abode in the unbroken forest, among savages and wild beasts, at least twenty miles from the dwelling of any other white man. They were pioneers of an intrepid, industrious spirit, and soon had a large and flourishing town, which in time grew to a city of nearly two thousand inhabitants. Stores, dwellings, and schoolhouses were erected, while a fort was built on the river bank, not only as a means of defence against the Spaniards, who were constantly making invasions into Carolina, but also as a place of refuge in the event of an attack from the Indians. The fort was constructed of coquina, powdered shells cemented together. Some parts of it are still in good preservation. "Strange to say the Dorchester colony did not

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"Strange to say the Dorchester colony did not erect their church in the town, but two or three miles away. It was called the "Old White Meeting House" to distinguish it from the other church, St. George's Episcopal, built in the town some twenty years later. Two walls of the 'Old White Meeting House' are yet standing. Many distinguished men have preached in it, among them the great Whitfield.

"St. George's was quite an imposing edifice, built in the form of a cross, with Gothic windows and a fine, strong tower in which there was a chime of bells.

"In 1752, the people of Dorchester, for some reason not now known, deserted their city with all its

son not now known, deserted their city with all its evidences of their painstaking labor, and, cross-ing the Savannah River, settled in Liberty County,



THE TOWER OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Georgia. Here they organized what has since been called "Old Midway Church." D. Abiel Holmes, father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, was paster of this church from 1785 to 1791.

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"At the present time nothing remains of the once thriving city of Dorchester, South Carolina, save the ruins of the old fort and the tower of St. George's Church." the ruins of the old for and the ruins of the old for and George's Church."

A. M. Barnes, Summerville, S. C.

Here is a letter which I wish had reached me in time to be given to you in the winter, but as it did not I will let you have it now, hoping it is not too late for your answers to be of some use to the writer. He says:

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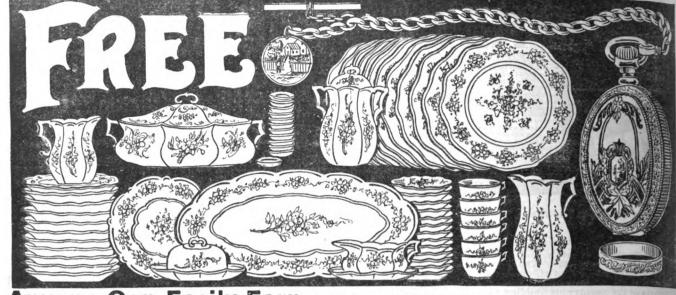
"I wish some friend would tell us about peanuts, the kinds best adapted to a northern climate, most productive and quickest in maturity, culture and curing.

"I had more than half a bushel from a fifty-foot row, the experiment of last season. I think they might become a new, profitable crop on Long Island. The first two frosts in the fall did no damage, and the third, heavy, frost did only light damage to leaves. I took the first premium at the Suffolk County Fair with them, and I wish to try half an acre of several best kinds in this season."

SIMPSON THOMAS, Aquebogue, Long Island, N. Y. Here is another Georgia cousin who wants to

Here is another Georgia cousin who wants to have a little talk with us. Truly our Georgia cousins are sociable and neighborly, and we owe them at least a vote of thanks for being so nice to us.

"We live on a high hill with a large oak grove on the south and east, and in the fall this grove is glorious with its brilliant foliage. On the east side the hill slopes down to the old mill which does the grinding for all the neighborhood. Just above the mill is a pond whence come all our fish. Sweet potatoes are very abundant with us and I often think of and pity the Northern people who do not know what it is to have a surplus of them. After they



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I have a nice letter from a young cousin, Freda Bayer. Thank you very much. Freda, for remem-

Bayer. Thank you very much, Freda, for remembering me, and I wish I could see your flock of chickens. They must be well worth a visit.

Albert C. Adams, of Yoakum, Texas, writes me a vivid description of that awful disaster, the Galveston flood; but I cannot use 'timely' articles. My "copy" has to be prepared at least two months before it appears in print.

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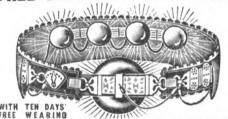
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HE earliest pirates known on the coasts of America were the notorious buccaneers who began their career in no objec-tionable way. Some of the West

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Indies were overrun with wild cattle and when this was known among the sailors on trading vessels from Europe, it was a common occurrence for them to stop at the small sea-ports and load their vessels with this dried beef which they learned how to prepare from the natives. Hence their name from the French word boucanier, meaning simply a "drier of beef." Gradually, however, the word buccaneer began to mean sea-robber and some of their evil deeds have never been surpassed even by the pirates of the old world.

Soon piracy became a sort of brotherhood. These desperate men who sailed under the black flag called themselves "The Brethren of the Sea," and among themselves it is quite probable that honor existed.

One John Esquemling, a native of France, by a peculiar train of circumstances joined this brotherhood and sailed the seas for several years as a pirate. Finally he returned to his own country and in 1672 wrote a history entitled "The Buccaneers of America, or The True Account of the Most Remarkable Assaults Committed of Late Years upon the Coasts of the West Indies, etc., etc., by One of the Buccaneers Who Was Present at Those Tragedies." This was afterwards translated into English and Spanish and the tales come down to us as historical.

Among other famous men of this fierce description were L'Olonnois who after perpetrating some of the blackest deeds was finally captured and torn literally limb from limb, and each fragment thrown into a fire. When this monster had been consumed his ashes were scattered so not a vestige of him should remain.

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Henry Morgan was recognized as "buccaneer-in-chief" of the West Indies and commanded twelve ships and seven hundred men. To relate the abominable tortures he and his men inflicted upon poor people would make one's flesh creep. This shrewd man was at one time acting Deputy-Governor of Jamaica and was knighted by King Charles, who would not listen to the atrocities he had committed and dubbed him "Sir Henry Morgan" for his great bravery. After the death of Charles II. he was sent to England in chains, but what his end was we do not know.

"Blackbeard," whose real name was Thatch, was the terror of all the Southern coast, especially Virginia. He was finally killed by a sailor named Maynard. Stede Bounet, a retired Major in the British army, became one of Blackbeard's leading men. He was, after a wicked life of murder and robbery, hanged by LAFITTE. the Governor of South Carolina.

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Man alone did not hold the laurel for dark deeds in those days more than ours. There were two women who, dressed as men, sailed under the black flag, who happened during their piratical life to be thrown together, one, Anne Bonny was the daughter of a Carolina planter who in his early days was an Irish lawer. This daughter married a young sailor and afterward leaving him married one of the foremost pirates of the day a Captain Rackham. She was finally captured, and put in irons in England but pardoned eventually.

Mary Reed, daughter of an English captain of a trading vessel, was dressed in boys'clothes from childhood on account of a whim of the mother, and became a pirate at an early age. She fell in love with one of her bandit companions whom she married. Mary Reed like the previously mentioned woman was caught and imprisoned in England. She was tried for piracy and condemned to death but died of fever soon after her conviction.

Jean Lafitte, the gulf pirate, was a very talented man, a blacksmith originally. This occupation he gave up for the more profitable one of piracy. With his two brothers as assistants he managed a system of privateering which for a long time was considered partially legal. Nothing is known of his end. By some it is confidently believed that Aaron Burr's beautiful daughter Theodosia who met an unknown fate on the seas was captured and held by this pirate Lafitte.

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Among all the bandits who have been lauded

in legend or some there is none with whom all are so familiar as Captain Kidd. And every where from the Gulf to Canada his spoils are said to have been buried. According to stories told by old inhabitants of Cape Cod, Capt. Kidd once captured a young woman named Hannah and not knowing how else to dispose of her he buried her with his treasures in order to have her keep away intruders until he should return. This has been commemorated in a little ballad "The Lady Hannah" by Mr. James H. Morse. William Kidd was executed and his body hung in chains on the banks of the Thames, Eng. where it dangled as a warning to sailors for many years. where from the Gulf to Canada his spoils are said

As our country became better settled and our commerce was protected by well-armed revenue cutters, these daring sea-rovers became fewer and gradually passed away altogether.



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laborers and mechanics and others, who are not seeking charity, but who cannot afford to pay regular hotel rates.

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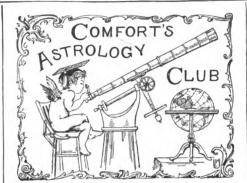
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MAY I—Wednesday. Deceptive appearances and baffling hindrances are likely in the real estate transactions of this day, though the day is fair for business with public officers and corporations; the forenoon is better for selling than buying; give preference to the afternoon for business dealings with manufacturers and traders in machinery, chemicals, drugs, metals, glassware, fire-arms and cattle; the latter part of the day should give real enjoyment in pleasure-parties, musical entertainments and all amusements.

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2.—Thursday. The day in general conduces to business activity and enterprise, though quite a degree of caution in matters of writing should be observed to guard against precipitancy, and where it can be done conveniently it is better to postpone writings or agreements of consequence until more favorable influences

rule.

3.—Friday. Be in no haste to begin musical or artistic matters in the forenoon hours nor should any favor be expected from thy superior in business or authority; give thine employer a wide berth and no cause for disastisfaction; as the noon is passed begin thy dealings with the builder, plumber, agriculturalist, landlord, and all engaged in the dirty avocations; purchase goods for trade, deal with banks and other monied institutions and persons of wealth and high in judicial stations.

4—Saturday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday through two-thirds of this day; when also deal with churchmen, mining insulutions, ship-builders, and contractors; as the evening advances, let all beware of contention or controversy nor begin any litigation.

5-Sunday. Conditions are fair for this Sabbath though religious injunctions from the pulpit are likely to be characterized by unusual aggressiveness in dogmatic pugnacity be deliberate and moderate in judgment and duly tolerant of the opinions of others.

6—Monday. The petition for advantage at the hands of public officers or superintendents of large corporations will not find much favor on this day nor should much progress be looked for in the literary pursuits.

7—Tuesday. Employ every moment of this day pushing business to the utmost; success attends the mechanical trades; transact business with lawyers, surgeons, chemists, and the mechanical classes generally; have surgical operations performed; trade in cattle and metals; deal with the printer, publisher and bookseller; the afternoon and evening derives much pleasure from social gatherings or the drama.

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S-Wednesday. Be up before the sun and employ every moment of the day until five in the afternoon; literary labors are performed with more facility from midnight until the afternoon of this day, especially such as pertain to finances and the financial world; the forenoon is particularly propitious for the jurist, banker, capitalist and those in ecclesiastical callings; buy goods for trade and push all general business to the utmost; soliet money favors, adjust accounts, make collections and deal with banks and persons of means; beware of dealings in real estate in the late hours of the day when also the aged will not be as pleasantly disposed as usual.

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will not be as pleasantly disposed as usual.

9—Thursday. An excellent day for the elegant pursuits; push business generally but give preference to dealings in fancy goods, dress materials, jewelry and all articles of adornment in the forenoon; seek the dressmaker, milliner, tailor, and decorator; make engagements with publishers pertaining to poetical and other work of elegant character in the literary world; urge correspondence, send out financial circulars and deal with monied institutions.

10-Friday. Fairly good for most of the pursuits of ife, though conditions are not vigorous in any particular direction; let all routine labors be hastened and the moments fully improved.

11—Saturday. A day greatly to be avoided for wooing or wedding; and thou shouldst not be disappointed if little success attends thine efforts today; be careful in digment; seek no promotion at the handa of thine employer; be wary of errors in accounts or writings; postpone important contracts and be watchful in giving thy

pone important contracts and be watchful in giving thy signature to commercial paper of all kinds.

12—Sunday. Bridle the tongue during the morning hours lest quarrels come, and the day is best used for rest and quiet.

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13—Monday. The week begins most auspiciously; choose the day for transacting business with landlords or landed proprietors; make agreements and sign writings concerning houses, lands and mining properties; the landscape painter and musical and dramatical artist have fortunate conditions on this day and should improve every moment; exercise thy taste in matters of dress and decoration and lead thy fair one to the altar. Buy merchandise to seil again, deal with printers and persons in the literary walks of life; seek favors from thine employer and crowd all business vigorously; the evening will be unusually fortunate for dramatic, musical and social entertainments.

14—Tuesday. The forenoon is the best part of the day, but it is doubtful if thy petition for favor meets with much consideration; beware of making purchases of a speculative character in the afternoon when also see that no loss comes through carelessness or neglect; postpone correspondence.

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15—Wednesday. Avoid thy landlord in the morning hours nor shouldst thou have any dealings in real estate; as the day advances, conditions are vastly improved and all efforts should be increased, especially those of a mechanical character; use the afternoon for dealings of consequence pertaining to manufacture or construction; trade in fire-arms, chemicals, machinery, glassware, metals and drugs.

als and drugs.

16—Thursday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday during the first two-thirds of this day, especially, those relating to the mechanical callings or productions; use the afternoon for dealings with banks and persons of wealth, also for money transactions of all kinds; make purchases of goods in trade and generally crowd all the honorable undertakings.

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17—Friday. This day should be used for dealings in real estate and the steady application to business; trade in agricultural tools and implements, also products of the

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18—Saturday. Look sharp that thy tongue does not run away with thy judgment; think before speaking and utter no untruth. It is a time when many strange and regretable marriages take place; better remain single than marry in the early hours of this day; especially should the young shun marriage with the aged. If thou art in love avoid disagreements with the person who has engaged thine affections; especially if born about the 7th of January, April, July, or October of past years. Married ladies claiming birthdays near the dates indicated are cautioned that the passing weeks are somewhat adverse to their peace of mind and they are urged to have consideration for their married partners and to see that unpleasant experiences and marital ruptures at this time cannot be traced to faults of their own. Mutual forbearance and consideration will bridge over many dangerous chasms in the marital relations. Physical ailments of married partners in the lives of persons so born are in many cases the cause for unusual anxiety just in these passing weeks.

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20-Monday. Drive thy business all this day; push mechanical, chemical and scientific pursuits; engravers, carvers, sculptors, engineers, surveyors should improve this day. Persons in the manufacturing enterprises should fully employ the passing moments; deal with military men, brass and iron workers, butchers, tanners, bakers and machinists.

21-Tuesday. Make no contract concerning real estate or with the aged during this day, in which adverse conditions seem to conspire in a general way to baffle best progress or success in any direction; routine matters should have principal attention under these influences and no beginning be made in any important undertaking.

22-Wednesday. Have no dealings concerning pa-tents or patented goods, nor expect advantage from writ-ten applications to railroads or other corporate bodies; as the noon is passed let all interested engage earnestly in the elegant occupations; pursue music and the fine arts, and urge trade in fancy wares and articles which please and gratify.

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23—Thursday. A most excellent day for business; select the early hours for musical or artistic professions or speculations, also for courtship or marriage; urge literary matters, especially poetry, the drama, and the elegant branches generally; commercial men are favored in an eminent degree; press writers and public speakers are much assisted by prevailing conditions; travel and remove thy residence if desirable near this time.

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24—Friday. Give preference to the forenoon for the most active efforts in thine affairs, being careful lest a desire to gratify thyself in some particulars may induce extravagance in thy purchases; be watchful of the pennies in the afternoon when no purchases should be made for purposes of trade; do not bargain for houses or lands, or any mining or agricultural production in the last half of the day.

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25—Saturday. It will be well if fires have been guarded against during the night preceding this day, as combustion has been promoted in the passing time; the day will be one of quickened activity and especially conducive to bad disputes; let bank officials scrutinize bills and handwriting and those who earn their livelihood by the use of the pen be very careful in all acts; make no new beginnings in any of the artistic pursuits in the early afternoon; the late hours of the day are the best, when money favors and financial advantages may be more easily obtained.

ily obtained.

26—Sunday. The forenoon does not provise well for mental exertions but inclines to petulance and irritability; the afternoon brings considerable improvement, particularly to lovers of music, the fine arts and the elegant in literature.

27-Monday. Begin the week with the dawn and work diligently; urge business of all kinds, but especially that which pertains to the elegant and artistic in life; during the forenoon applications to employers and persons in authority for preferment or advantages are likely to meet with more favorable consideration than usual.

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29—Wednesday. A fortunate day generally for the literary pursuits and for dealings with persons engaged in clerical capacities, also teachers, students, surveyors, civil engineers, and mathematicians generally; let mercantle business of all kinds be urged to the utmost, particularly during the forenoon hours.

30—Thursday. Urge all business to the utmost during this day, giving preference, if any, to the forenoon hours for travel, removal, and the prosecution of the mechanical trades; the purchase of machinery, implements of manufacture, electrical apparatus, hardware, cutlery, glassware, metals, leather, chemicals, or drugs; the operations of surgeons and dentists meet with more than ordinary success; have money dealings in the afternoon.

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HEN the man with a strong foreign accent expressed his desire to open an account with us, giving his name as the Marquis di Paolo, I confess to some misgiving. He seemed to take a long time to transact a little business, and his restless eyes kept wandering about the bank as a man in a strange place trying to get his bearings. But when John, the watchman, came into the bank at the closing hour and said that the Italian was haunting the exterior of the premises still, I grew a little con-

cerned. There were about sixty thousand dollars in cash in the vault, besides securities to the value of half a million. Although Douglaston was a mere suburb of the great metropolis, there were rich residenters as well as two or three large factory corporations keeping large accounts with us, and probably no bank within a hundred miles of New York did a better business considering the size of the community. It often occurred to me that when bankbreakers cast their eyes about for the likeliest suburban savings institution to crack, they might think us quite worthy of consideration.

"Where does that Marquis live?" I asked the watchman, concealing the concern I might feel or undue interest in the stranger.

and fronting State street," replied the trusty. that lay within my reach. My head continued and cook. They took the house for the summer, I'm told. They have been there more than a month now. They seem to be supplied well with money and live very quietly. I just noticed the chap whom they call 'the Marquis' pacing from the mansion through the narrow garden toward the bank as if he were measuring the distance. Wouldn't have thought much of it if he hadn't looked a little flurried when he raised his eyes and saw we were watching him. Don't know that there is any cause to be alarmed, but all the same I will bring my brother up with me to-night and let him promenade the rear while I keep watch on the street side. What do you say, sir?"

"Very well, John. Go and come back early.

I shall close up now."

When the watchman was gone I locked the front door after him and went back to my desk for a little quiet cogitation. I had a very peculiar feeling -a premonition of something disagreeable. However, since I had been cashier of the Nassau National Bank this feeling had come with every attack of indigestion, so I made light of it. Gazing about the room my death, but I was roused by a rapping, rapping eyes fell upon a big black dictionary on the just below me. For a long time this continued, shelf. An idea struck me. I thought it would then something fell and a draught of air seemed

be a very easy thing to cut out a big square space in the center of the volume and deposit I felt myself gasping for breath, actually within at least twenty or thirty thousand dollars, laying it on the shelf over the time-lock safe in the vault. No bank-breaker would ever think of looking into a dictionary for treasure. I took the book down and began the task of cutting out the greater part of the interior so deftly that no evidence of its hollowness was visible from the outside. This done, quite triumphantly I went back through the grating gates to the vault before the door of which my big Danish mastiff slept soundly. I do not know why I was so considerate of the beast, but in swinging the big door I opened it only wide enough to slip into the vault so as not to disturb the mastiff's slumbers. Once in the little brick-and-iron bound chamber, I fell to packing the interior of the big dictionary with the largest bills from the inner chest of the steel time-lock safe, and with about forty thousand dollars thus disposed of, I tossed the volume carelessly upon the shelf above, littering it with documents and papers of little value. I was smiling at my little strategem when on turning about, I heard my big mastiff stir and then proceed to perform a feat that to this day is unaccountable. The Dane had a habit of jumping up on the street door and looking appealingly into the window till some one let him in. Why he should have jumped up on the vault door at that moment I cannot imagine. At any rate, I heard his paws against the iron, and then the door swung shut, the bolts sliding with an ominous clank.

It was some few minutes before 1 realized that I was actually a prisoner. I tried to move the bolts from the inside, but I simply could not budge them. My dog was whining and beating his huge paws against the door as if he too realized my predicament, but soon stopped, and as I suppose resumed his slumbers. The vault was air-tight and almost sound-proof as weli, illuminated by a single electric globe hanging from the ceiling. There was not a soul in the building and the streets of Douglaston at that hour of the day were usually quite deserted. I knew that even if I had some heavy into ament with which I could sound the clarm against the door, there would be few to hear and none to realize my predicament. Then to make the case still more alarming, I calculated that the air in the vault would last me about two hours and no more. In the center of the vault I stood, great drops of sweat rolling down my cheeks. Here I was sepulchered with a large fortune, facing death, with no man in the world who had his freedom that was not richer.

Seeing the necessity of instant action, I looked about for some instrument with which I could make myself heard, but finding nothing I took off my shoe and began pounding on the vault door, shrieking my loudest. I don't think 1 ever experienced such maddening silence. I called and called till my strained throat began to swell, then I moved back to the far end of the vault and sat down on an iron chest to think. I do not know how long I sat there, but soon I became conscious of growing weakness and a giddiness of the head. Queer sounds rang in my ears and I saw visions of supernatural beauty. I seemed to be under the influence of some powerful drug. Sliding to the floor of the vault, the cool stone seemed to revive me for the instant and I breathed with less difficulty. But those queer sounds and phantastic visions came again, and I knew that I was being slowly asphyxiated in the carbon of my own lungs and that the supply of lifegiving oxygen in the vault was growing less with every breath.

I remember a man who once travelled with a show as a hypnotist's "horse", saying that he could go into a fake trance and remain as one dead, breathing but once a minute for a day. That if a man lay perfectly quiet he might reduce food and respiration and even the heart action to the minimum. I resolved to make the experiment. Stretching out on my back as one dead, I saved my breath as if every atom "In that old mansion at the rear of the bank of it was more precious than the bank notes "There are five of them all told, housekeeper to bind frightfully at the temples, however, and the pageant of my whole life swept before me in lurid hues and phantasmal shapes as one drowning. Then would come moments of complete unconsciousness, out of which state I would be suddenly roused by the most dreadful visions and appalling sounds. I seemed to see my children torn limb from limb in the hands of giants and the wife of my heart subjected to atrocious tortures. These maddening deliriums drove me frantic, yet I seemed perfectly powerless to stay them. The flesh and the spirit seemed to separate, and I in the spirit seemed to be watching myself in the flesh enduring the most hellish agony, yet unable to escape it. I went through the bodily anguish of ten thousand deaths, saw myself laid away in the grave, heard the dirt beat down upon my narrow house and felt the worms gnawing at my vitals till I lay a black skeleton, which in turn crumbled away into dust, and each period seemed to take years. After that came oblivion.

> I have no idea how long I lay there in that state of unconsciousness bordering on actual

to envelop me with its life-restoring bounty. breathing once more, and the heart took up its heavy beatings. Opening my mouth wide, I drew in the precious volume, and slowly my sense of sight was restored and thoughts clear and consecutive came back to me. The rapping continued, but louder now, and again and again that sound as of brick and mortar falling. Then to my utter astonishment, right through the floor of the vault not two feet before my staring eyes, I saw the end of a burglar's jimmy thrust up again and again as the hole widened to its force. At last I realized what had happened. Burglars were at work below. In their daring strategem for plunder the bank reakers had unconsciously saved my life.

My first impulse was one of such intense gratitude that could I have reached down the big black dictionary, I think I should have gratefully rained down thousand-dollar bills through the rift and bidden the marauders away to make merry. But with gathering strength the enormity of the offense took more distinct proportions. I fell to meditating upon a capture. Suddenly I heard a low whisper. "Per Dio!" said a voice in very good Italian, "there is a light still in the vault above." To which a comrade replied, "Tanto miglio!" ("So much the better.") With this much vouchsafed me it was not difficult to guess the character of my unexpected guests.

It is remarkable how in a trifling but anxious space of time the pros and cons of a strategem will combat each other to a finish, leaving one perfectly numb. Finding that I had regained strength enough to reach around to my hip pocket, I drew the revolver which I usually pocketed every night for my lonely walk to my home on the very outskirts of the village. I now feit a cherished sense of relief in its possession; and clasping it firmly I steadied it against the floor with the muzzle within six inches of the breach through which I had received my lease of life, but through which was soon to force the hand of death. Meanwhile the tools were working away diligently and I marveled that the ruffians were not overheard by the watchmen promenading without. It was a simple game of waiting. I had resolved at first to blow the top off the first human head that popped above the level of the floor. But after a time the shameless advantage which I would thus take over an adversary caused me to waver and await the natural turn of events. I was calm now, the ringing in my ears had ceased, the binding grip on my temples had abated. I felt that within a half hour I would be quite equal to any controversy 1 might be forced into, however unwillingly.

Brick by brick the fragments gave way and rolled down to the floor of the cellar below. The scoundrels were working hard and saying little. The cold steel jimmy thrust up through the cleft every moment or two, sent a queer thrill into my heart. Then at last I caught a glimpse of a hand-not that of a laborer, indeed, but long and thin, without callous, and bleeding slightly from many scratches. It shot up, clutched the cement floor, then slipped and disappeared. My heart was in my throat, for I knew that there was a crisis near. Another wrench of the steel and down fell a vast shower of debris, leaving a hole large enough to admit a human body. 1 clutched my weapon, covered the rent and waited.

There seemed to be some sort of a consultation going on in the cellar below-a question as to who should be first to advance. But soon I heard a stir below me, then up shot that same lank hand, the left grasping the opposite edge of the breach. Slowly then as if boosted up from below there came a round black hatless head covered with dust and a pair of shoulders strained through the breach, back to me. The wriggling, struggling torso was half way through the rift before I made a stir. Then with revolver poised steadily on a level with the intruder's head, I said with as much affability as I could command, "Buona sera, Signore!-

The dark shape twisted violently, and a face as colorless as chalk swept around and faced me, eyes bulging and mouth agape with sudden horror, his long thin nose barely brushing the muzzle of my weapon. The scoundrel was simply struck speechless.

"Good evening, Marquis," I repeated. "Did you come to get your deposit? You might have trusted us till morning. No-not a stir. or I shall blow that Rabelaisian face of yours clean through the back of your neck. Stay just where you are and let us talk things over."

Below there was a series of clamorous halfsmothered cries. "What's the matter? Why don't you go on? What has happened to you? Hark-hark!"

"Of course, Marquis," I continued, "I could blow you into kingdom come right here in cold blood, even as you would delight to finish me and would have done so if you had had the chance. But to tell you the truth, without knowing it you have saved my life. Now I am not a mean man, and I am inclined to deal very leniently with you. You saved my life I say and I am going to spare yours, but on condition that you and your ruffian confederates leave town this very night and never set foot in it again. Yes, I will even do more. I will supply you with railroad fare and enough money for provisions for a good long journey

beside. But mark you, go you must, Mage no mistake about that. After this embarran ing episode your presence is highly unwelcome in Douglaston and I may say dangerous degree.'

Still the Marquis was dumb with uncertain; and terror. Still hoarse whispers collected from below and hands tugged at the limp lorn trapped midway between death and freedom

"Now, Marquis," I resumed, "while I core you with my revolver with one hand, I am go ing to write a confession for you to sign which will make things perfectly clear to my superion and to the public over whose funds I stand guard. You must sign that document." He I drew forth paper and pencil, writing with one eye on the pad and another along the barrel of my weapon. "I, Marquis di Paolo, hereon certify that with several confederates I con spired to rob the Nassau National Bank Douglaston, hiring a house in the vicinity for the purpose, and from the cellar of the same dug a tunnel to the cellar of the bank building breaking through into the vault where i was confronted-

I paused. The Marquis, who had evidently been standing upon his confederates shoulden below, suddenly threw up his hands and with a cry went down through the rift like a drowning man. Stunned and mortified that my captive had so easily eluded me, I leaned over the hole and looked down. The place was de-



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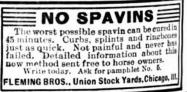
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certed, a lantern faintly illumining the grim depths. A frenzy of rage seized me. Without a thought of the danger of encountering a whole quartette of outlaws, down through the breach Is sipped, failing headlong over the heap Then gathering myself up bruised of debris. and bleed ing, through the great hole which had been mad in the side of the vault leading into the cellar I plunged, revolver in hand, resolved to fire at the first sight of human being. Through the darkness toward the rear of the building I crept, expecting to hear at any moment the crack of a pistol and feel the sting of a bulle . Still, I plunged on, crouching low to the damp floor, till finally reaching the rear wall, I to und myself at the mouth of a rude tunnel w hither on hands and knees through the dark roess four men were scrambling like wolves sproked from their lair.

Turning an ear in the direction I plainly heard the panting and struggling of the fleeing marauders, and the prospect of my utter helplessness to stay them enraged me. Raising my weapon I fired after them into the darkness. Through the silence afar I heard an answering oath. "Iddio!" a hoarse whisper echoed back. "I'm hit, I'm hit! Stop-wait-help, comrades!" The thought that I had winged my man gave me a frenzy of satisfaction. Again I raised my weapon in the direction of the agonizing voice and fired.

What happened then seemed absolutely a supernatural and must be accounted for by one of those caprices of nature which defy science and sanity itself. What my bullet struck I shall never know. But instantly there was a blinding flash of light seen far down the black depths of the tunnel-a fierce glare that imprinted on my memory forever the picture of white faces and moving forms against a background of gray. The earth rocked and a noise like a salvo of ten-ton guns burst through the midnight silence, while something struck me with the force of an avalanche. I remember plunging with great violence face down in the debris, then came merciful oblivion. When I awoke I was lying on the couch of the cashier's office in the bank above, my wife and children hovering about me and two physicians picking stone and mortar out of various parts of my - anat -omv.

Time tragedy of Douglaston was a nine-days nati wonal wonder, but the story I told up to the lima tof my recollection was confirmed the next day by digging along the tunnel from end to end, and the finding of four bodies frightfully min tilated in various contortions in the narrow de poths. One piece of metal baffled all curiosity um til a mining engineer recognized it as part of a dynamite cartridge. It proved that the garag had meant to blow their way into that sixty thousand dollars at all venture. Astrommers say that once in many millions of years two planets will collide in space, and great is the explosion thereof. This is the only blirad logic by which I can account for my bullet reaching that dynamite cartridge and bringing four outlaws to instant and terrible judgment. Other speculations are quite in

The Bones of Spire Steeple.

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T was high tide and the Merry May lay with her bowsprit overlapping Fish Wharf. On board the mate was slowly coiling yard after yard of brown, hook-strung line into a slimy green tub.

"No," he said in answer to my request; "but I don't know anything about it. Ask the old man."

Down in the cabin I discovered the captain seated before a soapy washstand and staring hard at two blank sheets of paper, while he endeavored to crystallize his thoughts by chewing the end of a red penholder. He

seemed relieved at the interruption.

"Certainly," he replied, after listening to my request to be allowed to accc any him to the fishing banks. "We drop out about midnight. Now you can do me a favor. I can't think and write at the same time; suppose you push the pen for me."

On leaving the Merry May I posted the following remarkable letter:

"De. Ruggles.—Since it was hauled up I have had no luck. I figure that it has Jonahed me. I must put it under again, and will pay you back the money.—C. GROTER."

Returning to the schooner at midnight, I found the crew all on board and the captain closeted with Dr. Ruggles. Just as we were short to cut loose the doctor went ashore. hughing loudly.

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No baby ever came into the world, however weak and frail, but held as its birthright the precious dower of a mother's priceless love. But love can do so little for the weakling child except pity it and sorrow for its helplessness, that the mother who had looked forward to the care of her child with happy anticipation finds it a task that tests her devotion, to care for a puny, fretful, wailing baby.

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liver, Captain," he shouted back from the wharf.

As we worked down the harbor and out past the island light, the captain lounged over to where I was leaning against the rail.

"You're on a hoodooed boat," he remarked. "None of us will get any fish this trip. I've bartered away my luck."

"What is the trouble?" I inquired sympa thetically.

"If you'll accommodate me with a little of the weed." he replied, "I'll give you the straight of the whole business."

At last his pipe glowed red through the mist and the unburdenment began.

"Spire Steeple," he said with lowered voice, was John Bain; born at Halifax. I had him aboard the Merry May when he was twenty years old and eight feet long. He was a good hand, but he took up too much room. When his knees were hoisted up under his chin, he filled a whole bunk. Being short on room I had to let him go.

"I only saw him a few times after he left me. Once he said that there was a man after him day and night, wanting him for a freak in some museum. I could see that it worried him for he was always mightily ashamed of his

"The next thing I heard of the lad he was traveling around the country with some big modest he was. But the truth came out at last; the show people had kidnapped the poor fellow, keeping him a prisoner while they exhibited him around the country.

"One day he turned up at the dock where we were unloading fish. He was thin as a skeleton and looked as if his cruise was almost up. He had escaped from his captors and walked all the way back to the city. Although he had brought in thousands of dollars to the show. they had never given him a cent and had starved him into the bargain.

"Well, his troubles weren't over vet. Some doctor happened to spy him on the street and wanted to make a dicker right there for his bones. If Steeple would will him his remains. he promised to keep him in comfort as long as he lived (which the doctor probably knew wouldn't be long.)

"A month ago Steeple came to see me for the last time. 'Captain,' he said, 'I've brought you seventeen dollars-all I have. When I'm dead I want you to roll me up in an old sail, put a stone to my feet and then heave me overboard three miles out. No one will be able to disturb me there.'

"I didn't care for the business; but he plead herring if they hang me for it."

greatly discouraged when I commenced tak- with me with tears in his eyes and I rinally swore to do it. A week later I had to keep my promise. In some way the doctor had heard of the matter and he insisted on going along.

"'It's no use, sir,' I told him. 'You can't get Steeple. I never broke my word to a living man, and I'm not going to begin with a dead

"'You're right,' said he, looking very much disappointed. 'But I'll accompany you, any-

"Early in the morning we sailed out to the three-mile limit with Spire Steeple sewed up in a piece of canvas. Just before we reached the proper place the doctor came up and stuck a roll of bills in my hand. It looked terribly big but I told him that I couldn't break my word. At that he cleared his throat and winked.

"'I don't suppose you can have any objection to my fastening a line to the body,' he said.

"That roll of bills was getting larger every minute. 'Do as you please,' I said at last, and cursed myself for a scoundrel.

"We slid the body off a grating and the line spun out.

"'That's deep enough to drown conscience," the doctor said at last. 'Pull in now, boys.'

"It was a bad business for me. Since the time that body came up over the rail, all wet and dripping, I haven't taken enough fish to pay expenses."

"And where is it now?" I asked; for the captain had broken off his narrative abruptly and started aft.

"The poor devil's bones are jangling on wires up at the museum now," he replied, and disappeared below. "For heaven's sake come down here!" he yelled the next minute.

"Well?" I inquired, cautiously descending the ladder.

"Sh-h-h!" he cautioned.

A moan followed, apparently rising from the planks beneath our feet. Then a strange, muffled voice announced: "I'm-I'm the-I'm the immortal o'-I'm the

immortal o' Spir-r-re Stee-ee-ple." "Hear it?" gasped the captain, and before I

could answer it came again. "Help!" moaned the terrified skipper. "It's

his voice. I can recognize it." "It's some one down in the hold," I asserted.

'Cail the crew in here and see who is missing." With surprising alacrity they all shuffled into

the cabin, each face wearing a look of unnatural solemnity.

"I'm-I'm the immortal," wheezed the mysterious voice.

"It's Judas money," cried the captain, fumbing at his pocket. "I'll throw it overboard." "N-n-o-o," moaned the voice; "give it to the poor."

"Who's the poor?" whined the captain, half crying.

"Crew-crew," came the ready answer.

Without waiting for a further monition, the captain dealt out the bills to a dozen willing

"This is a put up job," I protested vainly. 'Some one is stowed away below."

The men eyed me evilly and hastened to quit the room before the captain could recall his penitential act. In the course of a five minute talk I succeeded in convincing the terrified man that he was the victim of a practical joke.

"I'll look into this business," he said, picking up his courage and a lighted lantern; but scarcely had he reached the deck when, from out across the water, there arose a terrific bellowing.

Through the gray of the early morning we could make out a monstrous shape, half animal. half serpent. As it bore down upon us, the air became charged with a rank, musk-like odor, which was almost unbearable.

"Put her about, mate," cried the captain. 'God help us, we may get away from it yet."

"Don't be a fool and make us lose the day's fishing," pleaded the mate, who was also part owner of the schooner. "It's only a sea-turtle, and the voice was a hoax. You can have your money back."

"I tell you to put her about," shrieked the captain, as the bellowing increased and the rater was lashed into foam. "I want to or shore before all hell breaks loose."

The mate went so far as to drag out the "immortal o' Spire Steeple" from the forward hatch; but the skipper even refused to believe when thus confronted with evidence in the shape of his own nephew. Back went the Merry May to Fish Wharf, and on shore went the captain without a word to any one.

"He'll bear watching," said the mate. "Will you join me?"

We had proceeded perhaps a dozen blocks when a man suddenly dashed by us, holding in his arms a great stack of human bones. Far in the rear two portly policemen and a few museum attendants were shouting themselves hoarse.

"The old man will be out there and before they reach the wharf," said the mate, as we turned to join the pursuers. "But they'll ' v for him."

It was just growing dusk when the little schooner once more approached her moorings and the officers sprang aboard. From his post at the wheel the captain spied me among the curious crowd on the wharf.

"I'll bet it's deep enough to drown conscience this time," he shouted; "and I don't give a

A Visible Thought.

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AM a chemist by occupation, and the very nature of my work has brought about some strange experiences and developed certain theories peculiarly my own. I was always fond of the occult and loved to delve in matters pertaining to the so-called spiritual world. In truth, my experiments along this line, pursued in a scientific way, produced at one time such a startling result that I feel it my duty to give the facts to the public, that science may be benefited thereby.

The start of the matter was simple enough. One morning my wife came to my laboratory

where I was working at a new explosive which I thought would revolutionize modern warfare.

"John," she said, pushing her head through the doorway, and giving a dissatisfied sniff, "it seems to me you keep the most horrid smelling things in here."

"Very well, my dear. If you will just close the door and go back to your sitting-room you won't have to smell them," I answered. I was very busy and I did not wish to be disturbed, even by so good a woman as my wife.

"But, John, Mrs. Thornton was over here just now, and there is to be a spiritual seance at her house this evening. She says Miss Meadows, the celebrated medium, is to be there

Meadows, the celebrated medium, is to be there and will give some of her wonderful manifestations. You and I are invited. Will you go?" "Certainly I will," was my prompt reply. Indeed, I was eager to go. It would give me opportunity to test a theory I long had in mind and it may be well to explain somewhat of my views. I believe there is no existence but what is material; that the so-called future, or spiritual world, is just as material as the one we live in. I judge everything to be a substance, and capable of chemical analysis. Those good people, the Christian Scientists, have simply reversed the truth when they say there is nothpeople, the Christian Scientists, have simply reversed the truth when they say there is nothing but the spiritual; that what we think is material is just our imagination. And now to my theory. What is that peculiar something that passes through the brain, which we call "thought?" Is it an identity apart from us? I believe it is. Noted scientists tell us that thought actually leaves a visible impression on the brain. Therefore, my belief is if a visible impression is thus made, it must certainly require a material something to make the impression. That seems to me common sense. Thought, therefore, is a material substance and, perhaps, could be made visible. The seance would give me an opportunity to experiment.

And so my wife and I went to Mrs. Thorn ton's. A small company were present, includ-ing Miss Meadows, the medium. The usual rappings and table-tippings were given and then it was announced that visible manifestathen it was announced that visible manifesta-tions would take place, and a number of "late lamenteds" would appear. The lights were turned quite low and the audience sat expect-antly. At the farther end of the room, away from the company, a small platform had been erected, and on this stood a closed cabinet. Within this Miss Meadows secluded herself, and complete silence reigned. Then I began within this Miss Meadows secluded hersell, and complete silence reigned. Then I began my experiment. I concentrated my thought on Uncle George, who had died of delirium tremens about ten years before. With all the force of a resolute nature I thought of him, and willed that he should appear. Presently a and willed that he should appear. Presently a vaporish light came into view at the side of the cabinet. It grew denser and brighter and began to take form. There could be no mistake. In a moment more Uncle George stood before me. The apparition seemed very un-steady in its movement, and swayed backward and forward, but I was jubilant at my success. A murmur of awe and surprise ran through the audience, while my wife grasped my arm convulsively and whispered:

"Goodness gracious, John! Look there!
There is Uncle George, and he is drunk, as

Huar:
I did not reply; I was too intent on my exeriment. I allowed my thoughts to wander and I observed the figure began to diminish and fade away, and when I fixed them on Uncle George he came plainly into view. I was fully satisfied. A thought could be made visi-

"Wasn't it wonderful?" remarked my wife after we had returned home. "Why see Uncle George as plain as could be. "Why, I could

You didn't see him," I replied.

"You saw my thought—my materialized thought," I answered. And I tried to make clear my theory and its result.
"Well," continued my wife, not half com-

prehending, "all I have to say is, that if your thoughts are as drunk as Uncle George seemed to be, you had better have them sign a temperance pledge."

I said nothing to this, for, after all, what does a woman—especially my wife—know about science? My success, however, gave an impetus to my investigation. If a thought could be made visible, was it not, therefore, material? And, if so, could it be chemically analyzed? This problem perplexed me for several days as I worked in my laboratory. One thing I soon discovered. I could not produce a visible thought without a medium. Where should I get one? Fortune, good-luck, or something, settled the matter for me. One day at dinner, my wife remarked with an air of deep concern:

"John, I am real sorry on your account, but I have just received a letter from Aunt Mary, and she is coming for a month's visit."

"Jolly! I am glad to hear that."
"Why—John!" and my wife looked at me in astonishment. "You always said you couldn't bear Aunt Mary; that she was one of those fidgety, hysterical women who ought to be in heaven instead of on earth. Those were your

heaven instead of on earth. Those were your very words."
"Yes—I—that is, I think I was a little hasty when I said that," I answered, lamely. "Anyhow, we will try to make her visit pleasant."
Secretly I was overjoyed at her coming. With her peculiar nervous physique and psychical tendency, I was sure she would make a good medium. The trouble would be to get her consent. She was a woman of strong prejudice, I knew and especially abhorred modern spirit-I knew and especially abhorred modern spirit-

I knew and especially abnorred models spatialism.

"No, John," she said emphatically, when I broached the subject to her after her arrival, "I won't do it. All this spirit-rapping is just the work of the devil, that's what it is. And Mary Jane Morrison isn't going to make a Witch of Endor of herself for nobody."

I fully agreed with this. or pretended to do

I fully agreed with this, or pretended to do so. I argued, vehemently, against spiritualism, saying it was a fraud and delusion, and ought to be exposed. And I further explained that my experiments were made to simply show the people how they were being deceived. Aunt Mary was entirely willing to expose fraud, and with this intention she became my earnest

with this intention she became my earnest helper.

The results were surprising. Night after night, with a number of invited friends, we held our seances. Aunt Mary speedily became a splendid medium, although she was not aware of it. She explained to every one who came that the whole thing was the work of Satan, which she was trying to expose and overthrow. I only smiled, and said nothing. We became so proficient, from continued practice, that I had but to think of something and it would appear. One night I thought of mice, and all the ladies sprang upon their chairs at the sight of the little creatures. I soon noticed another fact. It was not necessary, even, to have our seances at night, with darkened room. I could produce a visible thought just as plainly in daylight, if Aunt Mary were present. Her presence, light, if Aunt Mary were present. Her presence, however, was indispensable for a manifestation. But one thing troubled me. When Aunt Mary mut one thing troubled me. When Aunt Mary was with me my thought would often become visible without any wish or effort on my part. This was very annoying, as one does not wish people to see what he is thinking about. Indeed, an inadvertence in this regard finally resulted in disaster, and sent Aunt Mary home in high dudgeon.

high dudgeon.

I wish to say here that we have a college in our town, and one of the faculty is Professor Grandal, a very learned man, and a great admirer of Darwin and the doctrine of evolution.

The Professor and Aunt Mary were old friends and schoolmates, and neither of them had ever married. In truth, it was rumored they were sweethearts in former days, and that Aunt

were sweethearts in former days, and that Aunt Mary's visit with us had a double purpose. Personally, I knew nothing of the facts. My wife, however, had her suspicions, and she twitted Aunt Mary about it, whereupon that good lady blushed violently.

"What," she said, "do you suppose I would marry a man who goes against the Bible, and says we all revoluted from a monkey?"

Nevertheless, the Professor was a frequent visitor at our house, and Aunt Mary seemed very fond of his company. On one point, however, she was very sensitive. For some unknown reason she refused to have him invited to our seances, and insisted he should be kept known reason she refused to have him invited to our seances, and insisted he should be kept in ignorance regarding them. And so the days passed, I engaged in my scientific investigation, and Aunt Mary innocently trying to expose the works of the devil. Our experiments were the same, but with widely different motives. The door of my laboratory was opened cautiously, one afternoon, and my wife looked in. "John, have you anything in here that will blow up? If you haven't, I will come in." "You will be perfectly safe, unless you blow me up," I answered, laughing.

My wife has a profound awe regarding my chemical apparatus, lest it might explode, and she prudently took a seat near the door.

"Now, John," she said, "I am going to bring this thing to a head."
"Bring what to a head?"

this thing to a head."
"Bring what to a head?"
"You old goosey! Why, this affair between
Aunt Mary and Professor Grandal, of course.
Any one, with half an eye, can see they are in
love with each other, and all they need is a little encouragement. I think I can manage the
matter." matter.'

I remained silent, for I knew her ability as a match-maker. To be sure, most of her ef-forts in this line have been failures, but she is never discouraged, and always ready for an-

never discouraged, and always ready for another venture.

"I shall give a small dinner-party to-morrow evening," she continued, "and invite Professor Grandal and a few other people. If matters go all right—and I mean they shall—the Professor will propose before he goes home." With this remark, and a resolute toss of her head, she left me

Now I shall not describe this dinner-party. It began auspiciously, and my wife was correspondingly busy and happy. After the company had assembled she so arranged that the Professor and Aunt Mary were almost constantly together, and had frequent tete-a-tetes by themselves. She asked Aunt Mary to take the Professor out to see the young pear trees I had planted in the yard, and noticed, smiling, that they lingered long in the viewing. When they returned she remarked, boldly, in their presence, that they were a fine-looking couple, and ence, that they were a fine-looking couple, and were made for each other. This seemed to embarrass the Professor, but as my wife passed him a moment later she paused to whisper:

"Never mind; you two understand each other, I am sure. True love, like true blood, will always tell."

Everything had gone well so far, and finally we sat down to dinner. The Professor and Aunt Mary were sested together at one end of

Aunt Mary were seated together at one end of the table, and it so chanced I was placed right opposite them. The other guests were given seats, here and there, as it happened. It was a merry company, and laughter and talk went around the table freely. Every one was in good humor, and my wife beamed with satisfaction. Presently some one spoke of Drummond's new book, "The Ascent of Man", which had just appeared in the literary world. The mention of this aroused Professor Grandal, as it was his

favorite topic. "That book of Drummond's is a wonderful book—a wonderful book!" he exclaimed, enthusiastically. "It is so in accord with divine revelation that, after reading it, I do not see how any one can dispute the great doctrine of

Then he proceeded to explain his theories, and as he was a man of great scholarly attainments we all remained silent to listen. When

very much in earnest, the Professor had a pe-culiar habit of bobbing his head up and down, to emphasize his remarks, I suppose. I noticed the habit, particularly, on this occasion, and, I regret to say, I became so absorbed in watching this movement that I forgot my surroundings. It reminded me of a small donkey, owned by my father in my boyhood days. This donkey would often come to the garden fence, and gravely bob his head in precisely the same manner. And, also, the Professor's face had a strong resemblance to that of the donkey—long and lean. And the ears, too, how supernaturalvery much in earnest, the Professor had a peand lean. And the ears, too, how supernaturally long they were, and apparently growing. It was strange I had not noticed this before, but—

was strange I had not noticed this before, but—
A loud scream from Aunt Mary interrupted
my reverie, and I saw her fall fainting to the
floor. Confusion reigned. The guests sprang
from the table, and my wife dropped a cup of
scalding tea on our pet poodle, and laughed
hysterically. What did it all mean? I looked
toward the Professor, but he was not there.
In his place I saw a donkey, benignantly bobbing its head up and down. I understood it
then. My wretched reflections had brought a
dire result. My thought had materialized!

The professor had risen to his feet, and was
looking about him in blank astonishment. He

looking about him in blank astonishment. He did not comprehend the cause of the uproar until he saw his own reflection in a mirror opposite him. Then, with a piteous moan, he sank back in his chair.

in his chair.

"Oh, heavens! What is this? Have I lost my identity? Am I mad?"

The excitement was brief, however, for as my thought turned in another direction the materialization ceased, and the Professor resumed his normal appearance. But no explanation would satisfy him. He left the house immediates the same of t would satisfy him. He left the house immediately, and has been exceedingly cool to me ever since. Of course, the dinner-party was broken up, but that was not the worst of it. The match between the Professor and Aunt Mary came to a sudden ending at the same time, and for that I was made to suffer. Aunt Mary said I had grossly deceived her; that instead of exposing the works of the devil I had been his willing agent, and she insisted on going home at once. As for my wife—Well, with the curtain-lectures I received, and the remorse I felt, I was a miserable man.

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But it is ever thus with science. It may bring trouble to the searcher after truth, yet I think I have been of benefit to mankind. I have discovered there is such a thing as a visible

How the Sophomore Class-book Was Discovered.

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HARLES Alexander, Chief of Police at Cambridge, owned a fine orchard, one in which he took much pride. Such being the case, it is not at all strange that college boys helped themselves from time to time, and what is still less to be wondered at, Chief Alexander, noting the depredations, took steps to apprehend the culprits. The offenders were

not caught, for they easily outstripped the chief and the officer who was watching with him, but in their flight one of the young men dropped

a book which could not be replaced—the records of the Sophomore class, and this the chief locked in his safe, sending word to the president of the class that it was in safe keeping and would be delivered to the one who dropped it-provided that he cared to call at his office in the station-house.

That was a hard nut to crack. The class clamoring for the returns of the records, but Joe Tingley, the poacher, well knew that if he presented himself at the chief's office he would be arrested for trespass and larceny. The manner in which he solved the problem was decidedly original and masterly, indicating sharp wits that turned in the right direction would have placed him at the head of his classes.

"Are you ready for a lark to-night? aneried Tingley one evening shortly er the class-book was lost, "there's no end of un shead of us, if we manage things right, Tom, and just enough danger connected with it to make it

"I'm your man, Joe," said Tom Partridge,

"I'm your man, Joe," said from Partringe, Tingley's boon companion, "if there's going to be any fun, you can rely on me."

"I thought so," said Tingley, complacently, "come to my room an hour hence and we will start on the war-path."

Shortly after nine o'clock two young men might have been seen walking across the cam-pus toward Brattle Square; one was tall, the ther of medium height; the former was Tingley, the latter Partridge. Tingley was ex-plaining the plot and Partridge was roaring with merriment as he learned more of the de-

"It will be the richest joke on record," said Tingley, "will square old scores with Accounter, and insure a speedy return of that con-"will square old scores with Alexan-

"Well, here we are, Joe," said Partridge, in time to catch Henderson before he

closes up for the night."
"Hullo, Vic!" said Tingley, clapping the Square barber on the shoulder, "what will you sell your barber-pole for?" "What do you want of that?" gasped the

old man.
"Never you mind, Vic; what will you sell it

for, that's the question."
"Well, seeing as it's getting pretty dingy,

I'll let you have it for five dollars, boys; fact is,

I need a new one."

"It's a bargain, Vic: just make out a receipt for five dollars while we are taking down the

pole."
"These college boys do beat the Dutch," said Henderson as he began making out the receipt, "always up to some mischief or other, though what is their game now is more than I

can understand."

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 28, 34 Sold to Joseph H. Tingley, one barber-pole

Received payment,
Victor Henderson.

"That's all right," said Tingley, glancing at the receipt as Partridge shouldered the pole, "you will find out to-morrow what we want of

this pole, Vic."

Presently the two turned into Bow Street, a short distance from the Square, and were walking briskly along when an officer intercepted

them.
"What are you doing with that pole?" demanded the blue-coat, laying his hand heavily

"What are you uong with that pole?" demanded the blue-coat, laying his hand heavily on Tom's shoulder.

"Nothing much," said Partridge, "just carrying it home, that's all."

"Come with me," said the officer, roughly, "you college boys cause more trouble than all the rest of the city put together."

At the police-station Chief Alexander was in charge for the night, the marshall being off on his vacation. He was ordering the officer to lock the two young men up in separate cells when Tingley interrupted.

"Pardon me, sir," said he, "but you are making a serious mistake; you are holding innocent men. We bought this pole of Henderson in the Square and here is a receipt that he gave us."

"That changes the color of things," said the chief looking at the bit of paper, "officer re-

chief looking at the bit of paper, "officer re-lease the prisoners."

"Stop right where you are," said Roundsman Thomas, half an hour later, intercepting two young men who were carrying a barber-pole, "where did you get that pole?"

"Henderson in the Square sold it to us," said

"Likely story, that," said the officer, with a grin, "fall in. You college boys are a bad lot." "Confound it," said Chief Alexander, looking up from his desk as the officer entered with his two arrests, "let those young men go; Pike

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brought them in here less than an hour ago.
They bought that pole of Henderson."
"That's what they said, but——"

"There are no buts about it; let them go!" roared the chief.
Half an hour later the head of the police force looked wearily up from his desk as the door

Caught these rascals carrying off-

"Get out of here and let them go," thundered the chief, catching sight of a long striped pole.

"I—1—" gasped the officer.
"Get out of here!"
"Bergeant," said the chief, addressing the officer at the 'phone, "reach the night-men as fast as you can and tell them not to trouble two young men who are carrying a barber-pole: in

fast as you can and tell them not to trouble two young men who are carrying a barber-pole; in fact, one young man, for they may separate. Tell them that it is my positive order."

The two college boys heard the chief's order as they rejuctantly left the station-house, and as they parted with the officer the ghost of a smile that had been playing about their mouths blossomed into a hilarious laugh.

"Now for business," said Tingley; "you take this end of the city and I will take the other. Be careful that no one sees you at work. So long, Tom; be at the room by one o'clock."

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From time to time the officers on their beats saw a young man hurrying along the street, carrying a barber-pole, but he was not molested for it was the chief's order, and the head of the force was supposed to know his business. Bright and early the following morning, just as the chief was leaving his office, an angry looking individual strode into the station. "Are you the chief of police?" he demanded. "That's what they call me."

"Well, now ain't this pretty works in a city of this size. Some imp carried of my barberpole last night."

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"Huh!" said the chief, passing his hand across his forehead.
"My barber-pole was stolen last night," said

"My barber-pole was stolen last night," said the man savagely.
"Oh, yes, I see," said the chief.
"Well, what are you going to do about it?"
"I'll speak to the officer on the beat; just give me the name and address."
"But I've seen the officer, and he says that you gave positive orders for him not to arrest anybody who was stealing barber-poles," shouted the barber.
"Good morning, Mr. Alexander," said a gentleman, stepping up to the desk, "what can you do for me? Some joker ran off with my barber-pole during the night."
"Hello!"
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"Yes, yes, just so. Will report to the chief. "Madden, on Elm Street, tells the same sto-

"Madden, on Elm Street, tens the same sur-ry," said the sergeant, turning to the chief.
"I'll attend to this matter," said the chief, reaching for his hat, "just leave your com-plaintat the desk." Chief Alexandar had gone. plaint at the desk." Chief Alexandar had gone. Matters looked very serious at noon. No less than forty barbers had entered complaints. Certain officers, anxious to shield themselves, had told the exasperated tonsorial artists of the strange order that had come from headquarters. When the chief returned to his office at dusk and saw the batch of complaints, he turned at least three shades paler. On his desk, however, was a type-written letter, the reading of which evidently pleased him, for he was observed to smile.

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"Upon receipt of the class-book, dropped in your orchard the evening of September 25th, the work of replacing the poles appropriated last evening will be begun. Have the book left in the recitation room in the museum between the hours of seven and nine on Wednesday morning, September 30th."

Such was a portion of the anonymous letter received by the chief. Promptly at seven o'clock the following morning the muchwanted book was delivered at the aforesaid place, and less than twenty minutes later a carpenter drove into the Square with a considerable load of barber-poles, which he began at once to replace.

There is little doubt but that the abid could be minuted in the institution had heard these same remarks a hundred times and in the main they thought that the superintendent was correct.

Occasionally one of them would be caught napping, however, with more or less serious results. Then the head of the asylum would smile in a superior sort of way, remarking on the discomfited one in particular.

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There is little doubt but that the chief could have made considerable trouble for both Tingley and Partridge, had he been so disposed, but Chief Alexander had been, and was a dear lover of a practical joke, and somehow he relished the plot and its masterly carrying out, good-naturedly joining in the laugh which the whole force was indulging in at his expense.

Superintendent Number 2.

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ever docile he might seem.

N the year 1897 there was incarcerated in the was detained at the institution. On every point, save one, he was perfectly rational. He imagined that he was immensely wealthy, his riches far surpassing those of the Vanderbilts and Rothschilds, when as a matter of fact he was absolutely penniless. Ordinarily he was as harmless as a child. but at times, incensed by imprudent ones who laughed at his vagaries.

he would become exceedingly violent. The superintendent of the asylum. David Ransom, was a man of stern, unrelenting hand. He trusted not an inmate of the asylum, how-

"The quietest lunatic is the most dangerous; look out for him." was a favorite maxim of the superintendent; "never turn your back to an insane person when you are within reach of most lustily.

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The superintendent was expecting two physicians one morning and anxious that everything should appear at its best he had made an early round of the buildings, seeing that the patients were well cared for and the work properly attended to. All would have gone well, no doubt, had not the superintendent in an unlucky moment unlocked Room 43, occupied by the individual referred to in the opening paragraph of this narrative.

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Entering, and in a moment of absent-mindedness turning his back to the lunatic, he gave the inmate an opportunity to escape, and this he was not slow in improving. Quick as a flash he bolted through the open door, slamming and locking it behind him, coolly pocketing the superintendent's keys and walking

Scarcely had this remarkable feat been accomplished when the two doctors which the complished when the two doctors which the superintendent had been expecting put in an appearance, Percival smilingly admitting them to the office, making free with the choice cigars which he found in the desk, the while enter-

which he found in the desk, the while entertaining his visitors with his witty conversation. "Suppose we now begin the trip through the asylum," said Percival, at length removing his cigar from his mouth, "and if there is any particular ward in which you are interested we will go there first."

"I understand that there is a peculiar case being treated here at the present time," said one of the physicians. "Charles Percival is the name, I believe; imagines that he is very wealthy, though apparently sane on other points."

"Yes, peculiar case, that," said the superin-

points."

"Yes, peculiar case, that," said the superintendent pro tem. a curious light coming into his eyes, "we will go and see him directly."

"Perfectly rational at times, isn't he?" queried the other doctor.

"True; you might talk with him for an hour, if you had not become acquainted with his case, and imagine you were in conversation with some person connected with the institution."

As the trio emerged from the office there seemed to be a great commotion at the farther end of the corridor. One of the prisoners was shaking the iron bars of his cell and shouting

"That's Percival," said the protem. official, leading the way, "he is very violent this morn-

leading the way, "he is very violent this morning."

The superintendent no doubt, was one of the most sane people in the world when he entered that cell, but at that moment he appeared far from it, and when Percival suggested that the two physicians keep out of his reach, lest they expose themselves to bodily harm, he simply lost all control of himself.

"Are you fools?" he shouted, "get the keys from the lunatic and let me out. He is liable to kill you any moment."

"Another of his fancies," said Percival, smiling triumphantly, "at times he has a notion that he is superintendent and everyone else is insane."

"Too bad! Too bad!" said one of the doctors, as they passed on, "naturally of splendid in-

as they passed on, "naturally of splendid in-tellect; the old story of burning the candle at both ends."

both ends."

From ward to ward Percival led the two physicians, carefully avoiding the cells where the wardens and nurses were imprisoned, proving an exceptionally entertaining companion and guide, completely deceiving his companions to the end. Three hours from the time they came, the two doctors took their departure, convinced that the superintendent of the Barre Asylum was a man peculiarly suited to the position.

flash he bolted through the open door, slamming and locking it behind him, coolly pocketing the superintendent's keys and walking away.

At the end of the corridor was the office and thither he hastened, securing two loaded revolvers, and thus armed started out on the warpath.

The first person that attracted his attention was one of the wardens who was making his asylum was a man peculiarly suited to the position.

The physicians having gone, Percival turned his attention to other matters. In the store-room was a supply of food intended for the with numerous bottles of choice brandies. Percival now busied himself preparing a spread with which to regale certain inmates of the wardens who was making his attention to other matters. In the store-room was a supply of food intended for the with numerous bottles of choice brandies. Barre Asylum for the insane a man of remarkable ability. Of keen wit and peculiarly intellectual the visitor could scarcely comprehend

Wat part.

The first person that attracted his attention was one of the wardens who was making his rounds, and surprising him, at the point of a revolver he forced him to a remote cell, where he turned the key on him. Then he resumed his wanderings, actually meeting and making prisoners consecutively the remaining twelve attaches of the asylum.

With which to tag with anylum whom he had met from time to time in hours of recreation under the eye of one of the officials. This spread was a howling success from the standpoint of those who participated in the festivities. Roast beef and cold chicken oners consecutively the remaining twelve attaches of the asylum. dicated anything, it would seem that brandies were poured out with lavish hand between every course.

Shortly after dark an attendant who had been out of town for the day returned, and discovering the superintendent's dilemma, released him. When they opened the door to the dining-room a most remarkable state of the dining-room a most remarkable state of affairs was perceived. Seated about the long table were fifteen revelers, most of them with just their heads showing above the table, the rest sprawling half across the board.

The ludicrous side of the situation was simply irresistible, and the warden laughed outright, while ever the superintender smiles.

while even the superintendent smiled and looked as though he would like to have joined his companion.

That was the golden opportunity for removing the lunatics to their respective rooms and this was quickly done without mishap, not one of the number realizing what was transpiring while they slept.

Later the other officials and nurses were found and released, and while they agreed that Percival had done a most clever thing, hoodwinking as he did two astute doctors, it was unanimously voted that the story should not get outside the asylum. It was too good to keep, however; the truth leaked out, and that is how this happens to be in print. Percival has gone by the name of Superintendent Number 2 from that day, and the facts would seem to warrant the appellation.

Men, Women and Things.

CONDUCTED BY JENNIE MELVENE DAVIS.



Prince Luigi Amadeo of Savoy Aosta, Duke of Abruzzi, is the son of an ex-king of Spain, the cousin of the present King of Italy, but all these distinctions of mere rank fade beside the fact that he can now claim the honor of having been "Farthest

North." He has succeeded in reaching latitude 86 degrees and 33 minutes while Nansen's record was 86 degrees and 14 minutes. It is doubtful whether he has been able to add any valuable data to science but his personal achievement is remarkable. The Prince has never been willing to lead the idle life of pleasure that his rank and opportunities would suggest. He is but 27 years of age but has already made a name for himself as a mountain climber. He has asserted that his mountain climbing was for sport and not for glory. The native home of the House of Savoy is in the heart of the Italian Alps and Prince Luigi's childhood sport was to venture among the glaciers. He climbed all the famous mountains of Europe and then succeeded in breaking the record of all ascents of Mount St. Elias in Alaska. His father was King of Spain from 1870 to 1873 but the Prince has proved that he has other distinction than being the son of his father. In 1896 he visited America as a lieutenant on the Italian man-of-war Cristoforo Colombo. June 12, 1899 he sailed from Christiana on his ship the Stella Polare. Many people refused to regard the expedition seriously, looking upon it as the work of an amateur, and to those the news that he has reached the highest latitude ever attained by an explorer comes with all the surprise of the unexpected. The young Duke has courage, perseverance and untiring energy but above all the "knack" of success. His title and rank will not now cause scientists to feel that he is merely an ambitious boy. He has succeeded in two difficult lines of exploration or daring and the world now begins to wonder what his next attempt will be.

The old saw about whistling girls has been thoroughly contradicted since whistling has been recognized as an art and an accomplishment. Mrs. Alice Shaw was almost the first one to whistle in public and although she had many rivals she has had no superiors. She is known abroad as La Belle Ziffleuse. It is thirteen years since Mrs. Shaw found herself with four small daughters and no means of support. She had whistled for her own amusement and the idea came to her of turning her somewhat unusual gift to account. The idea was bitterly opposed by her triends but Mrs. Shaw persisted. Mrs. Shaw whistles the most difficult music and can accompany any singer or musician with an obligato whistle. The volume, sweetness and flexibility of the sound is astonishing. It is said that the roof of Mrs. Shaw's mouth is higher even than that of Patti. She whistled in Russia and at first was looked upon with disfavor as the Russians have a superstitious aversion to whistling. But the music of the wonderful whistle conquered prejudice and on her second visit to Russia, Mrs. Shaw received a decoration from the Czar himself. Her London success has been no less marked. The Prince of Wales never misses an opportunity to hear the wonderful whistle. Mrs. Shaw is much in demand as an entertainer at the homes of the nobility. Her twin daughters have appeared with her during the last year. The music of the trio is remarkable and meets with the most enthusiastic applause. Mrs. Shaw has whistled ill luck down the wind and disproved the old adage that whistling girls come to some bad end.

The railroad business furnishes some of the finest chances for rapid rise to those who show ability. The new president of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents is Henry C. Townsend of St. Louis, Mr. Townsend is General Passenger Agent of the Missouri Pacific and is widely known for his alert, energetic and progressive business methods. His career is a practical illustration of

man. He was born in Pittsburg in 1847. In compliment paid to him by President McKin-1863, he became clerk in the office of the auditor of the Bellefontaine Railroad. From there he went to the freight department of another road and in 1871 became the advertising clerk of the passenger department of the Pennsylvania. This work gave him opportunity for original ideas and methods and developed the qualities that have made him a successful manager of passenger traffic. For six years he was General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad. Since 1884 he has been at the head of the passenger department of the Missouri Pacific. He is one of the best known railroad men in the United States and he has gained his knowledge through the practical school of slow promotion.

Minnie Tracey is a plucky American girl who has made a success wrung from failure. She appeared as one of the leading sopranos in the season of English Grand Opera. Her work seemed successful but she was discharged with a very short notice by the manager. He rather bluntly stated that her singing was satisfactory but that her form was of too generous proportion to fit the characters that she represented. Public opinion was on the side of the artist and she immediately gave a series of concerts with a long list of patronesses that included the leading names in New York's Four Hundred. She has had the position of leading soprano in the leading French opera houses. Last winter she spent the entire season as the leading artist at Bordeaux. She won great success at Marseilles. An artist must sing three times there in opera before receiving an engagement. Then it is the approval or disapproval of the audience that determines their fate. Applause or catcalls follows the presentation of the artist's name. Miss Tracey passed through this ordeal that most artists shrank from, and won the most decided success. The general verdict was that Miss Tracey was thoroughly at home in opera and an entire success in her work in America, and the failure to retain her position awakened much indignation. She was plainly shown by the applause of her audience that her pluck and ability were appreciated by Americans.



A successful writer of plays has a vocation that almost rivals the ownership of a gold mine. No man can determine what the success of a play may be so the element of speculation is involved. Arthur Wing

Pinero is conceded to be the most successful of modern playwriters. His plays are intensely modern and frank to a degree that arouses surprised criticism but they draw immense audiences and sparkle with brilliant dialogue. The well-known English actor John Hare has bought the latest of Pinero's plays, The Gay Lord Quex to the admiration and criticism of Americans. Mr. Pinero was born in London. His early career was as an actor. He did not make any marked success in this field but he acquired a knowledge of the practical routine of stage craft that stood him in good stead when he became a writer of plays. His early successes were the Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith and The Second Mrs. Tanquery. His work is in the line of problem plays and it is said that he never touches the heart of his audiences but he certainly stimulates and piques their intellect. Mr. Pinero lives in a delightful house at St. John's Wood. His study is filled with portraits of the great Italian actress Eleanor Duse. He does not know her personally but considers her the most wonderful artist now on the stage. Mr. Pinero is a familiar figure in London, but in spite of this fact few people know him well. He is often called The Philosopher of the Drama. His plays are bird's eye views of life lightened by brilliant epigrams but a somewhat sad philosophy.



It is a rare occasion when the President of the United States in selecting a man for one of the difficult diplomatic positions ignores party policy and names a man of opposite politics from the party in power. Our minister to

ley. During President Cleveland's administration, Oscar Straus was minister to Turkey. So well did he perform the difficult task of successful services at the court of the Sultan that he was asked to fill the place again when President McKinley realized that a task of unusual delicacy and diplomatic skill was to be performed. Oscar Straus passed his boyhood days in a quiet little Georgia town called Talbotton. The little town was a center of wealth and culture and sent out many men who made a name in the world. When a child, Oscar Straus came to this town with his parents and three brothers. The family were not rich in worldly goods but in earnestness, culture and intellectual strength they possessed a fortune. Oscar was the eldest and in the days of the Civil War he is remembered for the speeches he made imploring money aid for the soldiers at the front. He took a high rank at the local school until the family removed to Columbus. At the close of the Civil War he came to New York and graduated at Columbia. He commenced the study of law in the office of Charles O'Conor and soon rose to a high rank in the legal profession. He is as honored a scholar as is shown by the honor of the degree of LL. D. conferred upon him by Brown University, Washington and Lee University and the University of Pennsylvania.

The man who would be king might receive a few lessons from the phenomenal success of R. G. Reid who for the last two years has been king Newfoundland in all but name. Two years ago the island was practically bankrupt and



the control of some of the public works and the development of the resources of the island were passed over to Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid is a Scotchman about fifty years of age and has passed the greater portion of his life in Canada. His remarkable success in directing the finances of Newfoundland has made him well known in the money centers of the world. He made a contract with the government of Newfoundland to construct a railroad 650 miles in length across the island. For this work he received a subsidy of 2,500 acres per mile. At the end of fifty years upon the payment of \$5,000,000 he is to own the road. The best government docks are owned by him, the telegraph system is another item in his holdings and he is building a line of mail steamers for which he receives an annual subsidy of \$100,000. The land granted to him contains rich mines of coal, copper and iron. By contract he must mine at least 50,000 tons of coal every year. Lumber and pulp mills are supported by the products of the land and these mills are also under the control of a canny Scot. The Newfoundland people have had a reaction from the gratitude they felt at first when Mr. Reid commenced to make a financial success of what had been failure. At the last election they showed this change by defeating the leader of the Conservative party Mr. Morine who was believed to be in entire sympathy with Mr. Reid. The new premier, Mr. Bond, will endeavor to have the telegraph system repurchased by the government. As it is, the greater part of resources and development of Newfoundland are in the hands of Mr. Reid.

ble success for a young woman who left college but nine years ago. Miss Tomkins is a California girl, claiming Oakland as her birthplace. She spent her early girlhood on a ranch. When she was but twenty years of age she graduated at Vassar and then returned to her home in California. She commenced writing short stories and doing some work for a San Francisco paper. Her brightness and the vivacity and "go" of her literary work resulted in an offer of a position in New York. She is at present editing a successful popular magazine. Her short stories are marked by an off-hand ease and sparkle and a brightness of dialogue that compares favorably with the famous Dolly Dialogues of Anthony Hope. Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Knight Tomkins, 1s well known as a writer. Miss Juliet Wilbor Tomkins will soon publish a long story of life on a California ranch. Her success has been in the line of the steps in the ladder of success as a railroad Turkey Mr. Oscar Straus has had this great newspaper and magazine work but her admir-

ers believe that her more serious attempt will add to her reputation.



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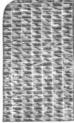
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On The Bowery.

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H the Bowery! The
Bowery!
They do such things and
they say such things,
On the Bowery."

most wish to see.
What, then, is the Bowery?

It is the street, passing through the crowded East Side of New York, where the poorer classes of the city's dwellers live,

which has come to be the synonym for almost everything that is bad in the city's life. Rampant vice, brawls, fights, even murders distinguished it. So awful did its life become at one time that one special resort came to be known as "Suicide Corner," because so many despairing wretches had ended their lives them. despairing wretches had ended their lives there.

I am no different from the majority of people.

I am no different from the majority of people. On the evening of the first day I was ever in New York I started out to find the street of which I had heard so much. I was told that it began at the New York end of Brooklyn Bridge, and that I easily found. If there exists in the world a more stupefying confusion of cars. carts, men, women and children, and noises, than surges around this terminus of this bridge I have yet to find it.

I sought information of the first policeman I saw, as to where the Bowery was. The officer

as we have the Bowery was. The officer was grandly, gloriously drunk, although he wore his uniform and was on duty. But it was a mellow kind of a drunk, and made him good

designated various different brilliant lights, by means of which he directed me to various con-

cert halls and places which he said I would find interesting.

"But the glory of the Bowery is gone," he said, in parting, as he gave me a friendly shove out into the throng. "It's been cleared up. It ain't now what it used to be."

That was several years ago. What was true.

miles, reaching as it does up into Harlem. It is a broad, straight street nearly all the way. Of course only the lower part of it, where it passes through the thickly settled part of the city, is particularly distinctive, but this part, although only a fraction of the whole nine miles is long enough so that one wellking on it. miles, is long enough so that one walking on it thinks it endless. It is this element of size which most impresses me, now. In other American cities one may find streets which for a block or two are not essentially different from this, but nowhere else in America do I know of

this, but nowhere else in America do I know of a street where one walks for blocks and blocks and blocks through such scenes as these.

It is a natural step from writing of the Bowery to turn to the records of the police courts of the city; the books in which are written down the history of what is known as "the dark side of New York." The week to whose record I happened to turn was what the officers called a "dull" week, because there were reported in it no murders, only two successful suicides,

a "dull" week, because there were reported in it no murders, only two successful suicides, and only forty sudden or violent deaths.

Six other persons tried to kill themselves, but failed. The two who succeeded were men, and of one of them the only record which could be made of his name and history was, like so many others, "Unknown." Who was he? Where was his boyhood home? Did proud and loving parents once look upon him as destined to make his mark in the world, little thinking

a mellow kind of a drunk, and made him good to make his mark in the world, little thinking natured.

"The Bowery?" he said. "Why, you're on it now." Then he pointed off up the crowded, struggling street, leading off up town, and years old. Because there were no murders does

not mean that there were no attempts. One of these was very funny. A fight took place in a saloon, and although the assailant meant business, all right, and tried to shoot to kill, the only wound which his would-be victim received was made by a bullet which hit him in the great toe. Quong Chong, whose name reveals his race, was injured internally by kicks administered by Carlos Admolieno. Angelina Picaraffaelli was attaked by one of his countrymen with a razor, and slashed on the cheek. Another man was slashed with a razor, and a man with a Jewish name was attacked with a club. The record in all these cases, however, was the same; "No arrest." They were simply incidents.

H the Bowery! The Bowery! The Bowery! They do such things and they say such things, On the Bowery."

Thanks pro bably more to the catchy music to which the words are set than to the sentiment itself, the words of this song have made one street in New York more famo us than a ny other in the whole United States. It is safe to say that seven out of every ten persons who come to say that seven out of every ten persons who come to say that seven out of every ten persons who come to say that seven out of every ten persons which they most wish to see.

What then, is the "unknown" grave. One of the five was the body of a boy baby, with a cord tightly knotted and drawn about its neck. Without doubt



A BIT OF THE BOWERY.

this was a murder, although perhaps not committed in that particular week. There was nothing by which the child could be identified There were forty-five fires, and in one of these, eight persons were burned to death. This was the burning of a tenement house on one of the most crowded streets in the poorest

part of the city, a street leading off the Bowery. The fires of the week were generally spoken of as of little account, though, because there was practically no financial loss.

Sixty-one accidents were reported. Nine of these resulted in sudden or speedy death, and twelve were ultimately fatal. Several of those hurt were injured by objects falling upon them. Others fell from windows, scaffoldings or fire escapes. Six children were hurt by falling off a fence on which they were playing. Twelve persons were run over by wagons of various kinds, and seven were injured by street cars. One man died in a train of the elevated road. One man tried to stop an elevator with his foot and lost his foot as the result.

During the last official quarter—three months—before the week of which I write, the police of the city made 36,503 arrests. 7,457 of those arrested were women. The suicides during this quarter numbered 216. Poison is the favorite method employed to end life. Of the number given above, ninety-six used poison. Forty-one accomplished the same result by inhaling gas.

It would not be fair if I gave the impression.

It would not be fair if I gave the impression that all life on the Bowery was dark. The place swarms with children, and in summer time, at least, they evidently enjoy themselves. time, at least, they evidently enjoy themselves. Boys and girls alike on roller skates shoot in and out amid the crowds on the street and sidewalks. Rotund politicians, gossiping mothers with market baskets on their arms, drunken sailors, spooning couples are all alike to the children. What they cannot go under they go around.

At the head of the Bowery, where it merges into Fourth Avenue, stands a statue of Peter Cooper, and that bigger and nobler statue to him, founded by his money, "The Cooper Union," designed and sustained as an influence for good in this region. Farther down the

Union," designed and sustained as an influence for good in this region. Farther down the street, in the most sordid surroundings, is the superb building of the "Bowery Savings Bank." Y. M. C. A. rooms fasten their doors open almost beside the saloons, and church settlements and missions give their workers a foothold. The "Squirrel Inn," just in the very worst part of the whole street, offers a decent meal at a low price, and a comfortable reading-room to those who will avail themselves of the chance. Only a block away are some of the most magnificent and skillfully directed free hospitals the world has ever known.

The words of the song do not tell the whole story. Not all of the things done and said on the Bowery are bad.

the Bowery are bad.

The modern horseshoe is supposed to have been invented in the ninth century.

The Italians are supposed to have invented portable firearms about the year 1430.

How the Farmer Gets His Mail.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



ONGRESS has taken a great step in advance by appropriating during its recent session. the sum of \$3,500,000 for the coming year's work in the rural free delivery of mail intend-ed for the farmers and outlying agricultural sections of the country, and to give in a measure the same mail service in detached sec-tions as is now given to residents within the cities where there are letter carriers to deliver and receive mail

every day.
Incidentally it is in-Incidentally it is interesting to know that the free delivery system has only been in operation in the cities for about thirty-five years, and the original cost was \$300,000 a year, while about \$15,000,000 is now paid for its maintenance. maintenance.

IN A BLIZZARD. is now paid for its maintenance.

Until the present time, rural free delivery has been largely experimental, but it has now passed that stage, its success is assured, and it is a question of general introduction on the lines of establishing one route and gradually extending throughout all districts. The history of this service is most interesting. No longer ago than 1893, Postmaster-General Bissell concurred in the opinion of his assistant, Gen. Jones, that "The department would not be warranted in burdening the people with such an expense." The next year the same postmaster-general absolutely declined to expend a small appropriation of \$10,000 which Congress had made to test the feasibility of the scheme, stating in effect that if it should prove a success it would cost about \$20,000,000 annually for general introduction, and he did not believe that the people wanted it. It was with no sorrow that people living in rural homes learned that Gen. W. S. Bissel had retired from Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. Notwithstanding the opposition of the department at this time, Congress the next year appropriated \$20,000 for of the work, and notwithstanding the expressed misgivings of Gen. Bissell, evaded any test on similar grounds; but in 1896 Congress again forced the issue by appropriating \$40,000 for the work, and notwithstanding the expressed misgivings of Gen. Wilson, he was obliged to put the service in motion. To this end he expressed misgivings of Gen.

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motion. To this end he chose forty-four widely divergent routes, se-lected with a lected with a view of difference in physical features and density of population.

It would be interesting, but impracticable.

practicable, to repeat in detail the

detail the history of the service as given on the earlier routes. In some portions of the country the success was immediate and all that could be wished for by its promoters, while in others the recognition of the service as a convenience was tardy, and for one reason and another not appreciated at its full worth; but the result, with the widely divergent conditions, demonstrated clearly that rural free delivery, judiciously inaugurated, could be made less expensive and more nearly self-sustaining than city free delivery as established in many of the smaller cities under authority of Congress. It was thus made evident that the general success of rural free delivery could only be a question of time. To no two persons living in America is the success of the successful introduction of the free delivery more due than to the present Postmaster-General, Charles Emory Smith, and his former able, energetic, and progressive first assistant, Gen. Perry S. Heath. The latter had the direct charge of this great undertaking under the present administration, and what he did with it can be told in a very few words

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Whenever the residents of any rural section desire to obtain this new system of mail delivery, a petition is signed, and on a map is laid out a route covering about 20 miles, on which will be supplied not less than 100 families. This is forwarded to the local congressman, who endorses it and sends it to the Post Office Department, where it is put through the usual routine, and an inspector visits the locality, goes over the routes, and appoints a carrier.

the routes, and appoints a carrier.

Carriers are paid at the rate of \$500 a year and furnish their own conveyances. These vary in different parts of the country; one route has automobiles where the roads are good and hard outside of city limits. In the country around Rhode Island, most of the carriers are mounted on bicycles. On some of the earlier established routes are smart teams and delivery wagons.

One of our illustrations shows the team and wagon used on a route in Westmoreland Coun-



THE WESTMORELAND OUTFIT.

ty, Maryland, where much experimenting has been done by officers interested in the estab-lishment of the system.

Another view shows a girl carrier on horse-

back. She is Miss E. J. Hill of East Greenwich, R. I., who delivers in the country around her own home, riding on a horse in the sum-mer, and in the winter going either in carriage

her own home, riding on a horse in the summer, and in the winter going either in carriage or sleigh, and winning the admiration of all those who know of her self-reliance and courageous undertaking.

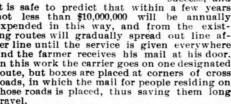
The rural free delivery has leaped into instant success, and so great has been the pressure upon Congress that from an appropriation of \$1,750.000 available last year, they have appropriated \$3,500,000 for the work commencing July 1 of this year, and the extension from now on will be very rapid until the country is one network of these routes.

Incidentally, as the carrier takes mail as well as delivers it, sells stamps and does the other work of a postoffice, in fact his carriage is a traveling postoffice, a very great many small offices are and will be discontinued, so that the postal business will be largely concentrated into the larger offices from which the rural routes emanate. This is a great advantage to the average rural citizen, as he will get much better service than he has ever obtained from the small and rather irresponsible offices.

These carriers do some express work on their routes, and so add some to the Government allowance, but it is at best a hard life as they



that part of the world that for a long time it was felt it was left it could not be success-fully carried out in the sparsely populated sections of sections of the United States; but it has been a surprise to all concern-ed, friends and enemies



Our Canadian readers will be pleased to know that the system is soon to be reported on favorably for that country, the Dominion Postmaster General, Wm. Mulock, accompanied by Assistant Postmaster George Ross, of Toronto, having made an investigation in the United States and come back with favorable ideas for its adoption in the king's dominions where the environment is similar to that in the United States.

Synthetic Whiskey.

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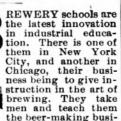
IVILIZED man will no longer be obliged to depend upon grain or potatoes for his whiskey. It has been found that the beverage can be produced by synthesis from such base and at first glance unpromising substances as unpromising substances as blast-furnace slag, coke, and plain water. The slag is raised to a high temperature in the presence of coke, thus evolving calcium carbide. The latter is then put into water, which is electrolyzed, the result being that

ethylene gas is formed.

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Guiseppe Verdi.

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UISEPPE Verdi, only a few weeks ago one of the greatest living composers, is now ranked with the great masters who have long since passed

He was born in the little village of Roucole, Italy, where his father was an inn-keeper, in very ordinary circumstances. After he graduated from being an altar-boy in the church of his native town, he became

organist at the age of ten years.

About this time he attracted the attention of About this time he attracted the attention of a wealthy brewer, for whom he worked, who assisted him in getting a part of some charitable fund, which allowed him, in our money, one hundred and twenty dollars for two years; and full of hope and ambition he started on a course at the conservatory of music in Milan. But this was very quickly curtailed when the masters of the conservatory rejected him on the grounds that he showed no aptitude for music.

Nothing daunted, however, he pursued his studies for two years with the leader in an orchestra in one of the theaters. During the next ten years he produced sixteen operas; out

of these only a few became popular.

At the age of twenty-three he married the daughter of the distiller.

daughter of the distiller.

In 1853 what is generally conceded to be his greatest work, "Il Trovatore," was written and published. In his early struggles he was commonly called the "Hand-organ man," but now all Italy adored him and as one biographer has well said: "He was able to drink of worldwide fame and not have it go to his head."
While he was composing a comic opera for a
theater in Vienna, in two short months he lost his wife and two children, and was it any won-der that this opera was unsuccessful? Verdi was worshiped in his country. He was

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



The crushing is done by expensive machinery in what are known as stamp mills, where great hammers drop in rapid succession on the ore. From the

drop in rapid succession on the ore. From the stamp mills the crushed mass is taken to the smelters, where heat and chemicals are used to separate the baser from the precious metal.

Perhaps the most interesting method is a comparatively recent one, which is known as the cyanide process. In this the ore is crushed to powder and then dumped into great steel vats filled with a strong solution of cyanide of potassium. The cyanide dissolves the gold and the refuse settles to the bottom. Then the auriferous solution is poured over tanks filled with fine zinc shavings. The gold is deposited on the zinc and the cyanide drawn off. Then the gold covered zinc is melted and the yellow metal at last comes out in its free state. al at last comes out in its free state.

By far the most gold that has yet been taken from the earth has been found in alluvial de-

earth to dissolve. Then he carefully pours out the muddy water.

By repeating this process several times he has left a lot of gravel and black sand. Filling the pan with clean water once more, he dexterous-left and the rock and the masses of stones broken into small chunks. The se chunks are in turn crushed in a fine powder, which is treated in various ways to separate the gold.

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and in exceptional cases more. A man can wash out about 40 panfuls in a day. Undoubtedly it must be fascinating and exciting work when for each quarter hour's labor the miner sees his hoard of dust increased by from \$1 to \$50. But, on the other hand, picture to your-

elected member of the Italian parliament and appointed a senator by Victor Immanuel, but he had a horror of notoriety and never took his seat. On being made "Marquis of Busseto" (where he owned a country house) he replied: "My gratitude will be far greater if this honor be spared me."

All the world is thinking of this great and sincere regret. According to Verdi himself, Pietro Mascagni, of "Cavelleria-Rusticana" fame, will be his successor at the head of the Italian music of today. Verdi left about \$\frac{x}{2}\$, condo,000, most of which goes toward the support of his Home for Musicians

Mining and Its Processes.

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placer mining must be done near a small stream or river, but fortunately for the miner the placers are usually located in just that position.

N quartz mining the gold is found imbediated in the middy water.

By repeating this process several times he has bottom and lodge against the cleats. The sieve bottom and lodge against the cleats. The sieve is lifted out the gravel dumped and the process repeated. Atthe end of the day's work the strips of carpet are dried and then beaten carefully on a paper or sheet to knock out the precious dust. The black sand which has accumulated on the bottom of the cradle is carefully scraped into a pan and washed. With a rocker one man can wash as much dirt in a day

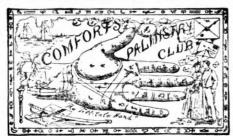
rocker one man can wash as much dirt in a day as ten men using pans.

If he is a good carpenter, he can take advantage of a still more elaborate apparatus and greatly increase his product. A sluice box or tom and rifle box works on the same principle. They require streams of running water, and sometimes the miner must dam up a small creek to get the required head. Then there is hydraulic mining, which is only a scientific application of the same principle. Instead of shovelling the dirt into a box a strong stream of water is thrown against a gravel bank, and contrivances for catching the gold are arranged contrivances for catching the gold are arranged in the path of the water as it runs away All of which information is for the benefit of

those who are not going to the goldfields and who have never been in a gold country, yet who read with absorbing interest about the who do go and pile up fortunes in a few

Colored window glass was known to be used in churches as early as the eighth century.

Torricelli, an Italian, invented the barometer. He was a pupil of Galileo. He died in Florence, in 1647.



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To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank

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Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

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N. E. W. says: "I have two marriage lines under the little finger, the upper one larger than the lower. (In both hands alike.) My life line has an accompanying line (not the line of Mars) at about twenty-five years of age for about ten years, then it stops; it disappears into the life line; a little lower another line begins and goes down close to the life line to the wrist. This line; a little lower another line begins and goes down close to the life line to the wrist. This is in the left hand. In the right hand the upper line is not visible, but the lower, however, not as clear as in the left hand. Then my fate line has below the head line also, a similar line close to it up to Mount of Saturn in both hands. Now are these lines an indication of two marriages? All the lines are more clearly marked in the left hand." These lines would indicate two marriages and the age must be determined by the position of the lines with regard to both life and fate lines.

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Dora asks several questions. First, lines starting from the lower Mount of Mars, crossing life, fate, and head lines to the heart line, mean what? They mean some interference with love affairs, either on your own part or on the part of some one very near to you.

Second. What does it mean when the life line is broken near the lower end and the sun line starts from the end of the lower piece of life line and curves upward with a system line following to the base of the third finger? The break in the life line indicates the end of the life unless the other lines follow it closely enough to bridge over the trouble. The sun line accompanied by a sister line indicates a weakening of the effect of the latter. Care should be taken, however, not to confound the sun and the fate lines.

Third. A line that starts from the life line

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Third. A line that starts from the life line crossing the fate line to the Mount of the Moon? This would mean some interference with the life at the point indicated on the life line. It may be for good or for evil, according to the way the lines read after the date of this

one.

What is the signification when the head line is forked with one line going down to the Mount of Moon, displacing the fate line which begins below the break and goes to the heart line with a line.

the fate line which
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crossing of fate
and head to the
heart line, as in
cut? The head
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with one line dewith one line descending, gives an indication of

hypocrisy and deceit. This will be bettered if there is a good line of Apollo or a strong fate line. In this particular case I should say the sign was a good one, the subject being imaginative and poetic in temperament with an ability to turn this faculty to good account.

How can you tell the marriage line by the side of the life line from the line of Mars? The

side of the life line from the line of Mars? The marriage line follows much closer to the life line than that of Mars. Is it a sure sign of marriage when accompanied by the marriage line under the little finger? It is so stated by authorities. It should be noted, however, that in palmistry as in all occult sciences, a marriage and a very close intimacy are considered the and a very close intimacy are considered the

I should not pay much attention to lines that can only be seen when the hand is wet

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Several people have inquired for the price of the best books on palmistry and where they may be obtained. Heron-Allen's Manual of Cheirosophy and Cheiro's Book of the Hand are the best books and may be obtained by sending to Brentano, Union Sq., New York City. The price of each is \$2.00.

"Cody" sends two fine impressions of his hand for this month's reading. He has an excellent business hand. He has good judgment, an upright moral character, good sense and manliness. He is of a venturesome disposition but he needs to cultivate the habit of depend-

an upright moral character, good sense and manliness. He is of a venturesome disposition but he needs to cultivate the habit of depending upon his own judgment. In early life he was kept under the jurisdiction of others, but some close friendship or intimacy formed then will grow apart from him and this will be for his advantage. He is a very ambitious man and will realize his ambitions, but not until

after he has made some hard struggles. He will do well to go into a mining region and try his fortune there, but he will need to have not only the kind of courage to start with but to keep him at it even when things look most discouraging. He is liable to have a disappointment in love somewhere from twenty-five to thirty, or possibly thirty-two, but it will turn out to be a good thing in the end. I think he will not marry before he has reached thirty-five and then will make an advantageous marriage. He will be wealthy in his old age but must not look for great success in a financial way before the age of forty-five at least. I predict that he will be a distinguished man in old age, and probably one of the leading men in his part of the country. On the whole he will be a successful man, his greatest success

greatest success coming after he is fifty years old, and when he has developed the power of striking out for himself and making new ventures. He is fitted for life in the mining course. the mining country and would enjoy it much better than being tied to business customs in a more conventional place.
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tions are asked with regard to the marriage line that I will give you what Heron-Allen quotes as signs of a happy marriage. A cross upon the Mount of Jupiter denotes a happy marriage, and if a star be found there also, it indicates a brilliant and advantageous marriage. If the fate line goes from the Mount of the Moon up to the heart line and then mingles itself with the heart line, both going to the Mount of Jupiter, it is an infallible sign of a rich and fortunate marriage. A star on the Mount of Jupiter signifies a brilliant marriage with good luck, honor, love and success. The only good signification of the cross is upon the Mount of Jupiter when it signifies a happy marriage.

His signs of unhappy marriage include a worry line, starting from the Mount of Venus going straight to the heart, and if it forks where it cuts the life line it indicates an unhappy marriage or even a divorce. Another is when the line of heart turns down to the line of head or sends a ray across it; it is a sign of a miserable marriage or deep grief of the heart. A star at the base of the thumb between the phalanx of logic and the Mount of Venus points to an unhappy marriage which will be the curse of the whole existence unless the Mount of Jupiter be developed in which case the subject will get over it. A line extending from a star on the Mount of Venus to a fork under the finger of Saturn betrays an unhappy marriage. If, however, this line ends in a square in the palm of the hand instead of the aforesaid fork, it signifies a narrow escape from a miserable marriage. Lines from the phalanx of logic to the line of life are thought by the old authorities to indicate marriage; if they are confused they betray troubles in love and marriage. If a man's hand has the Mount of Mars well developed and with few lines or rays it is the sign that he will marry late in life, but will always be the victim of pretty women. Men having the type of hand developed after the Mount of Apollo, often make unfortunate marriages because often their ideals ar

of logic and either one very deep, or three strong lines upon the Mount of Apollo, which is situated under the third finger.

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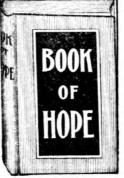
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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Howling March has given way to fickle April, and now "Smiling May" is ushering in the long, beautiful summer season. I hope you are all in a condition to enjoy it and that every one of you will be able to spend a part of its pleasant days in resting from your usual cares and duties in some delightful spot.

Our first letter this month is a touching tribute to the old and fast disappearing black mammy of the South. Those of us who have spent any part of our lives in touch with this dear old friend, and I am happy to say that I am one of those, will glad ly join me in thanking Mrs. Brown for giving us this beautiful letter, and illustrating it with a photograph of her own "erst-while black Mammy

photograph of her own "erst-while black Mammy Chloe."

"The Black Mammy', a vestige of the old South, is yet to be met with occasionally, although, alasi the ranks are thinning sadly, and some day soon her 'chillun', white and black, will stand with streaming eyes, and drop regretful tears into the open grave of the last member of that faithful band. Her place can never be filled by her peers again, and when the last 'black mammy' is gone then, indeed, will the ante-bellum south be but a memory. It is well that the grand purposes of God be consummated; and when He decrees that a peculiar people, or class of people, shall become extinct, not all the riches of the world, not all the art nor desire of man can replace them. But the 'black mammies' will live on forever in the memory of those who have known and loved them.

"If there is any one, north or south, who does not know what a 'black mammy' is let ours be the loving task of painting her dear portrait. She was the old black woman who usually was the first to receive into her faithful arms the new-born babe of her mistress, and on her broad bosom it was hushed to sleep and in some cases shared with her own offspring the sustenance furnished by nature; upon whose shoulders childish griefs were wept away, who coaxed refractory patients into swallowing hatel medicine by promise of surreptitious treats;—who petted and scolded, caressed and chastised, all the while exacting for herself absolute obedience and respect,—who soothed as none else could, the fevered restlessness of illness, and wept with heart-broken abandon when death robbed her of her charges. Those of them yet ungathered unto the great harvest, though their heads are whitened by the frosts of many winters and the old hands withered and trembling, are garrulous of the powerty and general 'no 'countedness' of these degenerate days. When the dim old eyes are closed in the last sweet sleep which falls on God's faithful and patient ones, may He grant her oft-repeated win the last sweet sleep which falls on



"MAMMY CHLOE" AND HER LATEST CHARGE.

to one of the 'white and shining ones' of His angel band." Rose Lane Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

Now here is a pleasant and helpful letter which

explains itself.

"Many cousins have written me concerning this locality and not finding it convenient to answer each one separately I have appealed to our good auntie to help me out by publishing a few lines to you. Several men who have recently left the east say that wages for labor there and here are about the same—one dollar to one and a half per day or twenty-five dollars and board per month for farm

hands; clerks here receive an average of two dollars per day without board; from sixty dollars to one hundred per month are paid to teachers. Some one asked about hop-picking: it lasts but two or three weeks and is paid for by the hundred lbs-ninety cents to one dollar. Apple picking is much better and lasts for several months. The climate is all that could be desired, and in that respect the worker has much advantage over his eastern brother. The mercury seldom registers more than ninety-six degrees in the shade in summer and then only for two to five days when a fog comes in from the ocean. You can form some idea of our winter when I say that geraniums grow and bloom in the open air. The different soils are sediment along the river, adobe, loam, clay and sand in the hills and valleys."

IVEA B. CLARK, Watsonville, Cal.

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I am fond of traveling and of seeing new and strange places, but I would rather be excused from a similar experience to the one related below, wonderful and magnificent though it must have been. Our friend says:

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"I was highly pleased with Miss Wood's description of Honolulu in one of the late numbers of Aunt Minerva's Chats. It is true to life. The following story is no fancy yarn, but my own experience and impressions of the wonderful volcano.
"During one of my many visits to the crater of Kilauea, Hawaii, I was fortunate enough to view it at a season of great activity, and on that day I had a most thrilling experience that I am not likely soon to forget. I had lost my way and was found by the guide near the edge of the lake and in one of the most dangerous places possible to find. Fortunately, we got away just in time, for, before I realized my danger, a terrible commotion occurred, and in a minute I was nearly blinded with smoke, choked with sulphur fumes, scorched with heat, deafened with noise, almost covered with 'Pele's hair', and at the same time nearly thrown from my feet by the terrible shock.
"But what a marvelous sight met my astonished gaze as the molten lava commenced to lash the sides of the crater like the waves upon the seashore! Then, with lightning quickness small fountains began to play all around the sides of the lake and three large fountains of fire started near its center. Larger and larger they spread, higher and higher they went, brilliant and more brilliant they grew, and at last they flew together in one grand, indescribable conflagration, with a force that seemed to shake the foundations of the world, and



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a noise like the crack of doom, while the place on which I stood seemed to writhe and shake like some great monster in pain.

"To say that I was speechless with wonder and fright is putting it very mildly. For one moment I felt that no power on earth could save me from the horrible death of being engulfed in this seething ocean of fire. No words of mine can express the thankfulness which I felt when I got safely away from this terrible caldron and stood once more upon solid ground."

George Osborne, Pannilo, Hawaii

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The following letter will be of interest to those of my readers who have not had the pleasure-or the misery-of a visit to China.

"One of the most interesting sights to be witnessed in San Francisco is that portion of the city known as Chinatown. It comprises some twenty or thirty blocks of closely built structures into which are huddled many thousands of Chinese, the merchants conducting their business in that part of the building which can be entered from the outside, and living with their families in the rear of their stores.

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"The dividing line which separates Chinatown from the rest of San Francisco is most distinct, and in fact one almost feels on entering Chinatown that one has crossed the broad Pacific and is in the kingdom of China. The Chinese will not be separated from their native customs but carry them wherever they go. They decorate their stores with the various colors so delightful to the Oriental eye, they dress themselves in the self-same style in which their race has dressed since the beginning, and even though they have come to a country where there is plenty of room they huddle in the closest quarters they can possibly find. In fact, there are places in Chinatown which descend two and three stories underground and ascend as many stories overhead, while in buildings twenty-feet in width by seventy-five in length dwell as many as five hundred Chinese. The better class, however, live a little more comfortably.

"Their New Year occurs some time in the month of February. Its festivities last for ten or twelve days, during which time business is suspended and the Chinese live a life of gayety according to their ideas. They deck themselves in garments comprising all the colors of the rainbow and visit back and forth among themselves. In the evenings they invite a limited number of their American friends to visit them, to whom their hospitality is unbounded; for they not only set before their visitors all the choice fruits and dainties imported from their native land, but they bestow upon them package after package of the same to carry away with them.

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"The narrow streets of Chinatown present a very curious appearance on these evenings, being illuminated with thousands of brilliantly colored paper lanterns and made noisy by the din of Chinese music and the display of fireworks; and thousands of Americans, not favored with invitations to the dwellings, walk about viewing the strange sights. The Joss houses and theaters in which the Chinese perform their curious plays, and the tea house are open to all visitors, however, and so, although special invitations to private houses are limited to the favored few, there is very much which is open to any one caring to visit this curious place.

Fannie Muraser, San Francisco.

Our friends this month seem to have the negro The narrow streets of Chinatown present a very

even the old board house rattled to the tune. One peculiar feature of the scene was that every man danced with his hat on his head. I asked a colored woman near me why the men did not remove their hats while dancing:

"'Laws me! Some one would steal 'um,' was the reply.

"When the cotillion was ended they all filed into the next room—a lean-to. We followed. There, spread upon a table, were candies, cakes, nuts and heaps of 'chicking,' roasted and fried. Each fellow was expected to treat his late partner. 'Chicking' was in great demand, and as a dime was the charge for a leg, wing, and so on, it struck me that Uncle Bob, at whose house the festival was given, had an eye to profit as well as pleasure. Uncle Bob invited us also to patronize him, so, following the entertainment), we saw through the open door that they were forming another 'set'. The violin was being tuned, and in order to free their hands every one on the floor was cramming his or her mouth to its utmost capacity. Then from the dark corner came the music—a wild measure which compelled one to listen, yes, and to pat one's foot too, even though growing old. Again the noisy, rollicking fun. The jolly, black faces, with their white teeth and flashing eyes, seemed to have a light of their own as they swung through the dusky room. Around the walls a legion of men and boys were potting 'juber' and dancing breakdowns, apparently to their own satisfaction, and altogether it was the most care-free crowd I ever came across.

"We watched them a while and then said good-by to Uncle Bob and departed, leaving the old house rattling merrily as they all came down the middle to the tune of 'Sally Gooding'."

E. M. Paquin, W. Wiggs, Arkansas. woman near me why the men did not remove their hats while dancing:

"Laws me! Some one would steal 'um,' was the reply.

"When the cotillion was ended they all filed into the next room—a lean-to. We followed. There, spread upon a table, were candies, cakes, nuts and heaps of 'chicking,' roasted and fried. Each fellow was expected to treat his late partner. 'Chicking' was in great demand, and as a dime was the charge for a leg, wing, and so on, it struck me that Uncle Bob, at whose house the festival was given, had an eye to profit as well as pleasure. Uncle Bob invited us also to patronize him, so, following the example of the others, we took chicken, and I must say that the cooking was excellent.

"While holding our 'drumsticks' in our fingers, (plates, knives and forks not being a feature of the entertainment), we saw through the open door that they were forming another 'set'. The violin was being tuned, and in order to free their hands every one on the floor was cramming his or her mouth to its utmost capacity. Then from the dark corner came the music—a wild measure which compelled one to listen, yes, and to pat one's foot too, even though growing old. Again the noisy, rollicking fun. The jolly, black faces, with their white teeth and flashing eyes, seemed to have a light of their own as they swung through the dusky room. Around the walls a legion of men and boys were potting 'juber' and dancing breakdowns, apparently to their own satisfaction, and altogether it was the most care-free crowd I ever came across.

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"I would like to tell you, dear Comfort readers, something of this section of Georgia, eighty miles from Savannah and one hundred from Macon.

"This is the fruit growing section of the State. Last year thousands of carloads of peaches, pears, berries, grapes and melons were sent from this section. The fruit crop was larger than it has been for years. The Elberta peaches shipped from here can nowhere be excelled. This too, is the pine belt of the State. Lumber and turpentine make the chief wealth of Southern Georgia but in a few years the timber will have been used up, and more attention will be turned to cultivating the soil, which is very fertile. Cotton, corn, rice, potatoes, sugar cane, tobacco, peanuts, oats, rye and wheat can be successfully grown here, also any varieties of vegetables and many kinds of fruit. We have cotton factories and oil mills, but there is room for more, and canning factories would pay well here.

"The climate is pleasant in the summer, as we get

here.
"The climate is pleasant in the summer, as we get
the breezes from the ocean. In winter we often
have ice and sometimes snow.
"Taking everything into consideration this is a
pleasant place to live. Northern people are discovering this fact, for hundreds of them have settled here."
MULLIE A. DARRY, Vidalia, Georgia.

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"The Soldiers' Homes, as known within the United States today, are unique. Institutions of Similar character, under various names, have long been maintained by the great nations of Europe; but in proportion to the numbers in their respective military establishments, the capacity is very small and the use mostly confined to a favored few. It remained for our country—the most liberal in all history to its defenders—to provide Homes for its soldiery by tens of thousands. "To General Winfield Scott belongs the honor of the first successful effort to found a Soldiers' Home in America: and he reinforced his request to Congress by sending to the Secretary of War a draft for \$100,000, which he begged to have used for the purpose indicated.

"It was finally decided to have a Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, which is about in the center of Iowa: and a tract of land, consisting of one hundred and twenty-three acres, was devoted to this purpose. The buildings are located upon a commanding eminence overlooking the city and about a mile and a half distant from its center.

"The chief buildings for the present Home village is four stories in height and furnishes dormitory room for three hundred and fifty men, with chapel, library, reading and recreation rooms, kitchen, laundry, shops, bathrooms, etc., including the headquarters' office. Other buildings are the Quartermaster's department, original hospital, now used as a dormitory, a separate lighting and heating plant, cottages for Commandant, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Surgeon, and ten small cottages each designed for a soldier and his wife. Many soldiers live out of doors during the summer months in little caves or dug-outs.

"There is a large piece of ground connected with the Home which the soldiers cultivate. Beds of all imaginable shapes filled with flowers dot the grounds in all directions. There are also many hot-houses. Artificial lakes and ponds peep out here and there, and the lowa river, which flo



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MAYME PRANGER, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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Now here are a few extracts from a long and interesting letter from one of our Texas cousins. He

to the favored few, there is very much which is open to any one caring to visit this curious places.

Fannie Muraski, San Francisco.

Our friends this month seem to have the negrorace much in mind, for here is a second letter on the topic, but on quite a different phase of it. This time it is a "festival" among the colored people which calls for our attention.

"I was once an invited guest at a festival among the darkeys speak of their 'festivals,' and was quite auxious to see one, so this was an opportunity not to be neglected.

"We arrived about dark, and found the interior of the rough, board house doubly dark with the assembled crowd. There was one small, chimneyless lamp burning on the mantel shelf, but so many black faces quenched its light until it seemed more like a bright spot than an illumination. In one corner the blackest of negroes was playing on a violin, and as we entered they were just forming their first cotillion.

"They were soon dancing, and to use a slang phrase, 'dancing all over'; feet, arms, body and head being possessed by the rhythm of the music;

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May must bring a sense of relief to those dwellers in the North who have regretfully chronicled one hundred and sixteen days of continuous sleighing. Only those who have spent nearly one-third of the year on runners can really appreciate May. It was one of the victims of that climate who rejused to buy a coonskin coat because there were two months of the year in which he could not wear it.

The Pan-American exhibition that opens in May at Buffalo promises to surpass all previous efforts in the line of electrical display Away back in the Colonial times Franklin astonished the scientific world of Europe by his discoveries in electricity. Since then America has led the world in its discoveries in the field of electricity and its practical application of the science. The power supplied from Niagara is to be used and it is safe to say that the wildest dream will not exceed the beauties and wonders of this greatest demonstration of the advance of electrical work.

The industrious philologists who are perpetually searching for the origin of words, phrases and proverbs have run the word "tip" to earth. The modern "tip" is the result of an old English custom of placing a box against the wall with the words above "To insure promptness." Patrons of the inn dropped small sums in the box and the amount was divided among the waiters. "Tip" is the initial letters of the phrase. America has contracted only the expression of the fact for the "tip" itself has grown out of all proportion in its American development.

An English Woman's Love Letters and Love Letters of a Musician are among the most discussed books of the year. In addition to this we have the letters of the Brownings, of Hugo and of Balzac. Everyone is eager to read these lengthy records of sentiment. It may be because those of this century have no time to write the record of their affection with rhetorical flourishes. The telegraph, the telephone and the messenger boy suggest brevity and directness. There is no time for the written word. No one really writes love letters today and the next generation will have to go without the pleasure of editing the love letters of famous men or women. All the love letters of famous men or women. All the love letters that this century has time to write are those intended for publication and written at so intended for publication and written at so much "per"-and yet we find time to read the long letters published.

One of the best drawing features of the Sportsmen's Show is Hiawatha. The Indian tribe whose manners, legends and customs live in the beautiful poem enacted the scenes last summer at their reservation near Lake Huron. Longfellow's daughter was their guest and it was for her entertainment that the tribe undertook the play. The result of the Indians' work was so satisfactory that they were brought on to New York. It is said that they will have further instruction in the details of giving the play and will present it during the summer with the wild scenery of Lake Huron as a stage setting. The Indian is naturally dramatic but this use of his talents is new and strange. The novelty will attract the curious and the pleasure seeker while the strange contrast between the real life of the primitive Indian and the mock representation of it by the modern Indians will suggest much to the student of history.

"To be a butterfly" has long been a term of reproach when it was applied to a person.

terflies give to the landscape? Their airy, aimless, graceful flight with its restful lack of purpose has a distinct artistic value. The practical patriotism of the Revolutionary societies in marking by tablets and monuments the great deeds of the Revolution. beauties of the long drowsy summer days, the memories of country flowers and sounds are all included in the motion. One tired city dweller of London has appreciated ail this and has asked the park committee to introduce butterflies into the city parks. He suggests that small fields of nettles be planted and the eggs and grubs placed on these. These species are recommended because the caterpillars are of the hairy kind most unpalatable to birds. These species are familiarly known as the "red admiral," the "peacock" and the "tortoise shell." The idea is well worth a trial not only in London but in all large cities. Children take especial delight in butterflies, but many city children have never seen one. The child who called a butterfly a flying flower saw in it just what the nature lover who wishes butterflies in the city feels. a beautiful element in the

The observance of the first of May as a holiday seems to be English in its origin. The erection of a May pole and the dance on the village green were typical features of English rural life. Tennyson's "May Queen" illustrates the simple, pretty customs of the time. Under Cromwell, the Puritans forbade the observance of May Day and the New England Puritans visited the frivolous revellers at Merrymount. cut down the May pole and caused the pleasure seekers to dance with pain under the whip of their stern justice. New York City seems to have little sentiment and in a city so cosmopolitan in development and history one scarcely looks for the preservation of old customs. The visitor to the metropolis is therefore surprised to see on the first of May and also during the early weeks of the month, hundreds of May parties seeking Central Park. The groups of children carry a ribbon canopy over the head of some proud little queen. The white dresses, gay ribbons, flowers, and general air of gayety are strange contrasts to the hurrying crowds and the desert of stone. It is an idyllic touch of sentiment in the midst of the rush and strife of commercialism. For a moment one feels that he must be in the condition of him who "babbled of green fields," and that the vision will fade. It is a custom peculiar to New York. From all the crowded cross streets of the East side the parties come. Thousands of these May parties are held. New York might for a brief period seem like its old English namesake-York-in its perpetuation of the rural customs of old England.

Mr. Carnegie's magnificent gifts to the city of New York and to the employees of the Carnegie company are unparalelled even in this land of munificent giving. There is a tendency to question the ethical side of his library giving. It is a principle with the Scotch Steel King that It is a principle with the Scotch Steel King that his gifts must always be met with the promise to maintain and support the buildings which he donates. Up to this time, the libraries have been given to smaller towns and cities. The city furnishes a site, provides the books and guarantees to maintain the library. This is committing the locality to a large annual addition to its taxes forever. In many cases this may be wise. The cost to New York means many millions in return for the \$5,000,000 that Mr. Carnegie donates for the sixty-five library buildings. Thousands of children are crowded out of the schools of the city today because there are not enough buildings. It is urged that the city should not neglect these weightier matters in its enthusiastic response to Mr. Carnegie's offer. In reality the city is able to do both and all that directs the purpose of the rulers of the city toward aiding the higher conditions of living should arouse no adverse criticism. It is true that Mr. Carnegie's gift, magnificent although it be, is only a drop of the stream of wealth that the city must pour out, but it has been the means of producing the result. Mr. Carnegie's attention should be drawn to the thousands upon thousands of people living upon farms who are cut off from all access to books. A great traveling library that could be brought to the isolated person who hungers for intellectual stimulus would be the noblest work that Mr. Carnegie could undertake. his gifts must always be met with the promise

A monument to General Richard Montgomolution proposed this some time ago and the authorities of Quebec agreed to give the site. The monument aroused much opposition in Canada. The objection was based on Montgomery's having once been a British officer and on the fact that he was attempting to capture Quebec. The opposition has died out and the monument is to be built and will be an added point of interest for the throng of American tourists who yearly visit the picturesque old city. Three young generals have died upon the city. Three young generals have died upon the battlefield of Quebec—Wolfe, the English general who captured the city; Montcalm, the gallant young Frenchman who died defending it, lant young Frenchman who died defending it, and Montgomery, who with Arnold made the brave attempt to capture Quebec during the first winter of the Revolution. Montgomery's body was brought back to New York fifty years after the great battle, and rests in the churchyard of St. Paul's, directly opposite the famous old Astor House. The monument to General Richard Montgomery which stands against the Broadway side of the church, is the first monument ever erected by Congress. The spot where Montgomery fell on the heights of Quebec has been marked by a rude wooden spot where Montgomery fell on the heights of Quebec has been marked by a rude wooden sign board, saying, "Here Montgomery fell." No single deed of the Revolution was more filled with heroic endeavor than that assault up the almost perpendicular heights of Quebec in the blinding snow of a Canadian winter. Canadians can have no better menument to their adherence to the English cause in the days of '76 than such a shaft would afford. The How many people realize the charm that but- invasion of Canada was not again attempted.

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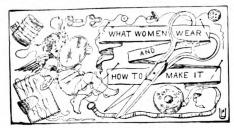
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but will give extracts from but two to show early displayed a love of the art and an in- Mme. Adelina Patti, the great singer, is about save many dollars and be perfectly satisfied.

to sell her castle, Craig-y-Nos, in Wales, to a pended over 100,000 pounds (\$500,000) on this beautiful estate, since she purchased it some twenty years ago. Mme. Patti has been idol-

Jean de Reszke's great success in his recent reappearance in opera in New York has dispelled all stories of his lost voice. Critics who heard him agreed that the Polish tenor's voice was as good as ever, and no signs of deterioration. He was given great receptions.

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REPE de chine has no rival among summer stuffs, even as I predicted, and is so constantly brought before us in some brought before us in some new and charming guise that we feel we can never do without this pliant material again. I saw a vision of a dress in this material, a pale tint of pretty color. The skirt fitted beautifully over the hips to the depth of about 8 or 9 inches where a threeo inches where a three-inch band of rather heavy yellow lace was inserted, showing glimpses of the pale blue silk lining through its open meshes. From this band of lace the From this band of lace the material was accord in on pleated and allowed to fall perfectly free, with a band of the lace set two inches from the foot. The bodice had the inevitable jaunty bolero made entirely of lace matching the bands on the skirt, elaborately brought out in gold, worn over a blouse bodice of the smallest of tucks intersected with narrow stripes of lace. A broad girdle of pale blue satin was folded about the waist and brought into a smart knot at the back with the pointed ends drooping considerably below the waist.

below the waist.

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A feature of many of the new gowns as well as separate bodices is the crush belt, wide or narrow, fastened with the knot at the back. Often this extends into an elaborate arrangement composed of the trimmings used on the waist and reaching half way down the skirt. It is a dainty finish and seems to impart just the note of connection the separate bodice and skirt seem to need. Sashes are certainly very much in favor; some of the more elaborately embroidered ones reminding me of gorgeous ribb on s

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treasures. A
crisp gown of
snowy white
beige over a
foundation of
white satin white satin whose gleam is seen between the threads of the transparent stuff, has a "gathered" skirt, gathered by means of scant shirrings at the waist ex-tending below the belt a couple of inches, set off by a knee deep flounce headed



by a knee deep flounce headed by a broad band of yellow lace. Here and there at irregular intervals, some directly on the band and some a few inches above are scattered silk flowers in several pastel shades, all delicately outlined with gold. The simple bodice has an unusually low cut yoke bordered by a band of the lace. From under the arms come clusters of the silk flowers forming a bolero. About the waist is crushed a broad sash of palest blue having blunt rounded ends, and arranged in a full bow at the back. Short Etons of black satin are the smart wrap and when collarless are open to a variety of neck-fixings. One of the smartest collars I have seen was in deep sailor shape with its edges cut out in scallops and in each scallop set a lace rose having a pink silk heart. There were flaring turn-back cuffs to match, and it was all very natty and a fitting finish to any toilette. Today I have been shown some stunning models in summer wraps among which was an Eton

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very square and flaring, made of dead white taffeta, accordion pleated and finished with a

flat band of the silk stitched several times. There was a deep round collar of hand em-broidered white muslin, while the broad bell sleeves were finished with a wide cuff to match. sleeves were finished with a wide cuff to match. The sailor collar is again a strong feature of the "wash" outing gown. Very often it is worn without a standing collar, showing the throat pointedly in front, and this recommends it to the affection of every comfort-loving woman. Very pretty indeed are the nand-worked, turn down collars of muslin, rolling broadly away at the front to show a smartly arranged cravat of silk. They are intended for wear with any thin gown. A clever girl I know has transformed an old bodice into a perfect dream by dint of a bit of work and a small expenditure. The original waist had yoke and sleeves of dainty white lace, the ripple at the hand edged with a binding of black velvet. The body of the bodice consisted of blue and white striped silk, and this had become quite worn under the arms,

under the arms, and generally frowzy looking, while the lace remained fresh. She ripped the silk from the fitted lining, and in its place ar-ranged pale blue crepe de chine all laid in the smallest sort of tucks, while a crush belt of the blue was tied in a bow, with pointed ends, at the back. An extra bit of the lace was fashi on ed



was fashi one d into a collar with covered bones to keep it in place, and the top set off by folds of blue and black.

Among the season's millinery are some extremely picturesque head gears. A large brimmed hat of white neapolitan has its brim bound with wide black velvet ribbon, while around its broad crown was crushed masses of snowy roses and cool-looking green over the face with the hair Pompadour. Another hat has a soft, full crown of pale blue, wide brim all pleated and bent in and out. At the front is a large cluster of pink roses, while around the crown is a tangle of stems, with a few streaming over the edge to which are attached small buds and leaves.

Persian velvet in bits tone many of the sober colored gowns. The more brilliantly colored Persians are combined cleverly with black and white. The combination was seen upon a gown of royal blue, and was immensely liked.

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HE word chocolate probably found its origin in this way.

On the island of San Domingo years ago the Indians use to take the fruit of this tree and grind the seeds with cinnamon and powdered red peppers and of this combination make a tablet which they dissolved in cold water and mixed into a cool refreshing drink with a spoonlike instrument called a "molinet" and the peculiar noise made in stirring they put into words as "choco," "choco." This combined with "molinet" probably was the derivation of "chocolate." The growth of the chocolate tree is very lucrative.

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OMAN'S work in the home demands in-telligence, skill, patience and endur-ance. She must hold in her hands the many reins of the domestic machinery. There is no letting up, and when emer-gencies come there must be more endurmust be more endur-

up, and when emergencies come the remust be more endurance, more patience, perhaps linked with attion steps in and forces the patient hands to lie still, the weary brain to rest, and the exhausted system to recuperate. And here we may emphasize the fact, that it is the bounden duty of every woman to so plan, systematize, reduce, and order her work as to make it as easy and comfortable for herself as possible.

The amount of work coupled with care involved in keeping house is no small, insignificant thing in the experience of the average housekeeper. Some women are born housekeeper. Some women are born mechanics. A woman who has a method, a system, and keeps to it, will find that the domestic routine will run more smoothly and with much less vexatious friction to the nerves than without method. The larger the family, the more a systematic method is needed.

In the well regulated families each member considers it a duty to adhere to the family rules, thus helping to preserve the harmony and comfort that results from an orderly household. A rigidly prim household is monotonous and painful. There is a free and easy medium that comes between rigid rules and confusion. This is the happily and well regulated home in which order and method bring pleasure.

In hundreds of homes there are no servants to carry on a regular routine, and the wife must tax her ingenuity to keep everything going. Not only the kitchen routine devolves upon her, but she has the care of a family, and the social element of the family to maintain, and oftentimes the usual welfare as well.

Generally speaking, husbands and sons have not the slightest idea of the complexity of woman's work. The petty things as it were, when considered by themselves go to make up the momentum of the daily duty. In woman's kingdom it is the multiplicity of duties that distracts. Oftentimes the trifles are vexatious and wear a woman's nerves more than one mighty and important and pressing duty. She mighty and important and pressing duty. She mighty and important and pr

while woman's work is never done!"

The woman who makes her own butter, does all her cooking, washing, ironing and sweeping, makes her children's clothes, even cutting them herself, and doing a hundred other things that are sure to come up in housekeeping, and preserves her health, including nerves of course, and an angel's temper, deserves a crown of laurel. One might safely say that there are fifty branches of employment represented in genlaurel. One might safely say that there are fifty branches of employment represented in general housework, and often one woman is expected to do them all. Housework, so far as it goes without exhaustion is healthful, but it loses the tonic of out-door work or exercise which more often falls to the husband, and what is better nervine than fresh air?

Now for some recipes.

We have been requested to give a simple menu for a spring luncheon, and the following recipes being new we trust they will be just what our reader requires.

CANAPES.

Freshen smoked herring, remove skin, and finely chop fish. Fry I teaspoon finely-chopped onion in 1 tablespoon butter until yellow, add 1-4 cup chopped mushrooms, 2 tablespoons flour, 1-2 cup brown stock and fish enough to make a stiff mixture. Add 1 teaspoon chopped parsley and paprika to taste. Spread pieces of toast cut in shape of horse-shoes with the above; sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese, cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake until the crumbs are brown. until the crumbs are brown.

SHAD WITH CREAMED ROE

Remove roe from shad and parbon for 20 minutes in boiling salted acidulated water. Remove outside membrane, and mash. Cook



EGG SALAD.

1 teaspoon finely-chopped shallot in 3 table-spoons butter 5 minutes. Add roe, sprinkle with 11-2 tablespoons flour and stir in gradual-ly 1-3 cup cream. Let cook slowly for 10 minutes; then add the yolks of 2 eggs, salt, pepper and lemon juice to taste. Plank a shad, season with salt and pepper, brush over with butter and cook 25 minutes in a hot oven or under a gas flame. Remove from oven, spread under a gas flame. Remove from oven, spread with roe, sprinkle with buttered crumbs and return to oven to brown crumbs. Garnish with mashed potatoes, tomatoes, lemon and parsley. BELGIAN HARE.

Clean and split a hare, season with salt and pepper and lard back and hind legs. Put in pan with a small quantity of brown stock and vegetables, including carrot and onion cooked in bacon fat. Baste hare often with stock in pan and bake 45 minutes; then add 1 cup cream to which is added the juice of 1 lemon and 1 tablespoon flour diluted with enough cold water to form a smooth paste. Baste hare with cream and cook 15 or 20 minutes longer. Strain sauce in pan and serve with hare.

EGG SALAD.

Chop the whites of 4 hard-boiled eggs, mix with 4 tablespoons mayonnaise, press the yolks of 4 eggs through a potato ricer and mix with 5 tablespoons mayonnaise. Mould, chill, remove from mould and serve on crisp lettuce

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MAYONNAISE DRESSING.

Mix 1 teaspoon each of salt and mustard, a few grains cayenne, the yolk of 1 raw egg, the yolk of 1 hard-boiled egg and 2 teaspoons dissolved



PLOMBIERE GLACE.

gelatine. Add gradually 1 cup olive oil and 1 tablespoon each of vinegar and lemon juice.
By request we give the following recipe.

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Cook 2 1-2 tablespoons butter with 1 teaspoon COOK 2 1-2 tablespoons butter with 1 teaspoon finely-chopped onion 5 minutes; add 4 tablespoons flour and 3-4 cup scalded milk. Add 1 cup Kornlet, 1 1-4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, 1-3 teaspoon mustard, 1-4 teaspoon paprika, and a few grains cayenne. Just before serving add 1 beaten egg.

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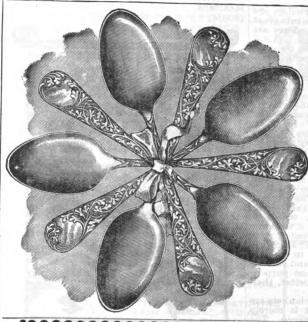
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Our older readers will remember the cross-stitch embroidery in vogue years ago, first as it was done on plain canvass and afterward "filled-in,"—and later, when it was done on the canvass which was finished, and so needed no filling. These embroideries have been revived and in the shops carrying the latest of everything in the fancy goods line, sofa pillows, mantel covers and scarfe are shown in this cross stitch design, carried out in strong colored silks and oriental patterns. Cross-stitch work is very fascinating and exceedingly simple to do, as it requires only accuracy in counting.

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Our illustrations show a new garniture for a summer waist. The strip of trimming, of which we show a section, is two yards long and is intended for the front, sleeves, collar and belt of a shirt in tucked batiste. The embroidery is a design in oil paint on a strip of yellow linen, in colors, dull red and green, yellow and black. Then this design is outlined in the same colors of silk, using a short chain stitch instead of the ordinary outline stitch. After the outlining is done there is a little gold thread run into the design, to give it further oriental tone.

If one is clever with the pencil and brush, a design could be drawn and then cut from heavy cardboard, making a stensil. Then the stensil could be laid onto a strip of heavy linen of color to correspond with the waist upon which the embroidery is to go, and a thin coat of oil paints in the colors desired applied. Care must be used not to let the pattern slip, and to use as little paint as may be. The same design could be used on white, with gold, and would be so entirely different as not to be noticed by an ordinary observer as being the same pattern.

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These strips cost \$1 (and the silks extra), which would be saved by the clever woman who

which would be saved by the clever woman who made her own design.

Now that such showy designs and colors are being used, the Navajo blankets come into great prominence as a decorative feature. They are used as rugs, portieres and hangings. A description of the manufacture of these blankets by the Navajo Indians will perhaps be interesting.

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The Navajos occupy a large reservation in southern Arizona and New Mexico. The tribe numbers about sixteen thousand and they are among the most highly civilized of the remaining Indian tribes. Their chief occupation is sheep-herding, and the Navajos own over a million head. From the wool is made the blankets that have become so famous that they are to be found all over the world wherever beautiful and artistic fabrics are appreciated.

The method of making the blankets is very crude. The wool, after being washed and carded, is spun upon a large spindle which is set upright in a wooden bowl. The woman, for of course the squaws do all this work, fastens the thread to the spindle, which is shaped like a large top, and twirls it with one hand, while she draws out the thread of wool with the other. The yarn is afterwards rewound in the opposite direction to make it more smooth. Though not so fine and smooth as machine-made yarn, it serves the purpose of blanket-making as well, if not better, than the modern manufactured yarn.

The favorite colors used in the blankets are black, red and yellow. The black is merely yarn spun from the wool of black sheep. The red is a dye sometimes made from plants growing on the reservation, and sometimes made by soaking the dye from goods obtained in frontier towns, where indigo is also obtained for the blue color. A certain native flower

color. A certain native flower found in the arid districts yields the brilliant yellow that is such favorite with the

favorite with the Indians.

The looms are very simple, consisting merely of two beams, one suspended against a vertical surface, the other fastened near the ground. near the ground. Between these beams the warp is stretched. The is stretched. The shuttle consists merely of a stick around which the thread is wound. The worker sits on the ground, and as the blanket is woven it is is woven it is wound around the

lower beam. The favorite patterns are always in regular geo-metric shapes; diamonds, ovals, and some very ef-ective stripings.

The Indian agent on the Navajo reservation is said to have the finest collection of these blankets in existence. The demand for Navajo blankets was greatly increased by the discovery

of gold in Alaska, for the miners who visited that region soon discovered that these blankets were the only things that would successfully combat the terrible cold of the Northern regions; ordinary blankets being of very little use. Besides this the Indian blankets are practically indestructible as the Indians claim to possess specimens that have been in constant use for over one hundred years. They are very heavy; some have been made that weigh over fifty pounds, though this is excessive, a twenty fifty pounds, though this is excessive, a twenty pound blanket being regarded as quite heavy enough.



LINEN COLORED BATISTE WAIST.

The Indians sell their product by weight, The Indians sell their product by weight, and until within a year or so the price for them has averaged about a dollar a pound. The great demand for the blankets recently, however, has raised the price, and it is said that the Navajos have been able to dispose of all the blankets that they can weave at the price of two dollars a pound.

Some writer on the subject has said recently that the wily Indians have discovered the utility of Germantown yarns and Diamond Dyes in the production of their blankets; but until this is more definitely proved, it is certainly more pleasant for the seekers after romance to still believe in the home-spun yarns and berry dyed article.

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Where the Navajo originally learned the art of blanket weaving has never been agreed upon. It is claimed by some students of the subject that they learned the art years ago from the Mexicans, but this theory the Indians stoutly deny. However that may be, the Navajo blankets are far superior to those made by the Mexicans, or tor that matter by any other people; which fact should establish the Indians



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BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

E are soon to have in this country a test of horseless carriages that will have a tendency to build up confidence and prove that the automobile has a great amount of utility and is thoroughly reliable, as the Automobile Club of America is contemplating holding a test of endurance. This will begin at New York and end at Buffalo. The speed feature will not enter into the competition, the principal idea being to demonstrate that the automobile can be trusted to go long distances without breaking. The present idea is to make the awards on the following basis:

First.—Vehicles making fewest stops en route.

Second.—Vehicles carrying greatest weight in passengers in proportion to their own weight.

Third.—Vehicles requiring least repairs (if any) maintaining an average speed of from 12 to 15 miles an hour.

On the route stops will be made for meals and sleep. It is expected that the average daily travel will be 100 miles or more. There will be no special charging stations or depots for fuel along the course, competitors relying entirely for supplies upon the cities and towns through which they pass. The competition will be open, to all motor vehicles carrying two persons side by side on one seat. This will bar out motor bicycles, motor tricycles and motor quadricycles.

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motor bicycles, motor tricycles and motor quadricycles.

There will be two classes, one for manufacturers and the other for individual owners. A prize fund of \$2500 has been established and awards may be made both in specie and plate, though this has not been definitely decided upon. It is thought conditions will be more favorable in the error autumn thanks any other favorable in the early autumn than at any other

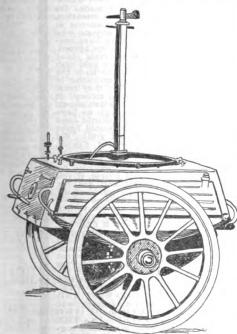
There is no doubt that the automobile will supersede the horse, according to the Patent Record, but it has been recognized for some time that this innovation would be more quickly brought about if there were some satisfactory means of displacing the horse at once and, at the same time, enabling merchants and storethe same time, enabling merchants and store-keepers to utilize the wagons which they have already in their stables. This has been done by the invention of Joseph Vollmer, a German inventor, who has devised what he calls a Vorspann, which is really a mechanical horse. It is carried on two wheels, and is so constructed that with but little alteration it may be substituted in place of the former front wheels and driver's box on almost any form of pleasure or business vehicle. Thus any stage coach or horse drawn four-wheeler, which is not too antiquated to warrant the expenditure

coach or horse drawn four-wheeler, which is not too antiquated to warrant the expenditure which such a change necessarily entails, may be transformed into an automobile quite up to date in appearance and comparatively inexpensive as regards the cost of operation.

The carriage horses of Queen Victoria were early broken to have no fear of automobiles. Three types of vehicles were taken not long ago to the royal stables, and the horses were first made acquainted with them as they stood motionless, and then they were driven around them while the machines were in motion. It took but little time to thoroughly familiarize the animals with their rivals of iron and steel. Alencon is one of the first cities of Europe to have a motor ambulance service. A motor

have a motor ambulance service. A motor quadricycle, carrying two persons is hitched to a regular ambulance. The "Quad" accommodates the operator and the doctor, and the patient is drawn behind in the ambulance.

The German postal officials have been so im-



VOLLMER MECHANICAL HORSE.

pressed with the success of the inventor's experiments that the Vorspann has been applied to many of the postal delivery wagons of the empire, and it is stated that the entire cost of this new government contract has been more than offset to the postal authorities by the great saving of money formerly spent on the nost-horses.

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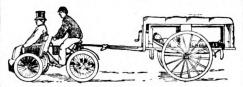
These motors are capable of sustained speed of from fifteen to twenty miles an hour. In a recent test in London one of them was attached to one of the cabs for which the English metropolis is famous. The vehicle was by no means of recent date, but when the change was made it presented a very modern appearance. The metamorphosed rig perfectly fulfilled every condition of the test, running over fifteen miles an hour and easily surmounting the steep

grades of the trial course. One filling of gaso-line lasted for one hundred miles at a cost of a

line lasted for one hundred miles at a cost of a trifie less than a cent a mile.

An American type of this same kind of vehicle is a single-wheel motor, which has just been placed on the market. This motor is also of the gasoline type, but has the apparent disadvantage of being open to the dust and mud of street traffic—a defect which cannot but help to have a severe action on the working parts. The ease with which it may be attached and detached gives it a great advantage over similar motors, in that its owner may use it for business purposes during the week and for an outing with the children on Sundays.

The Berlin Post-office Department has just



MOTOR AMBULANCE.

put into service six of the Loutzki automobiles for the use of the carriers in the collection and delivery of mail matter. A large number of the same style of wagon is also under construction, and at an early date the horses of the service will be entirely supplanted by motor vehi-

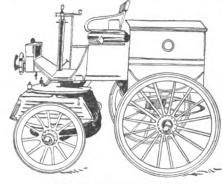
cles.

Speaking of what the bicycle has done for women is it not eminently fitting that now at the beginning of the twentieth century woman should have become so general and fearless a rider of the wheel, certainly she will enter this new century on whose threshold we already stand, better equipped mentally and physically for the business obligations and enjoyments which await her than even the wildest hopes of her most sanguine friends could have foreseen.

But let us hope that out of this woman which the bicycle has developed we may have true womanliness, true individuality and less per-

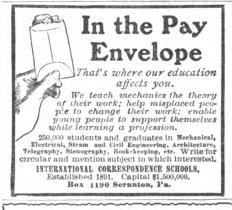
sonality.
One wheelwoman, with the additional aid of bird books and glass, has learned the names and notes of sixty different birds, and is now studying the different varieties of trees which she finds on her trips. This, at first thought, would seem to necessitate an immense amount of time and labor, but she is a working woman and has accomplished this holidays and vacations. Surely her testimony on this subject. tions. Surely her testimony on this subject would be interesting reading. And so in an educational way the bicycle

may lessen the amount of insipid afternoon gossiping, and break up some of the debating societies that formerly assembled at the corner grocery, but it will spread wholesome recreative enlightenment everywhere. It will call the



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I had the pleasure of meeting Johanna for the first time when the circus came to Boston about five years ago. The show was to open on Monday for a week's engagement. An invitation was extended to the newspaper men to come up on Sunday, after the tents were up, to meet Johanna in a social way while she would be free from the exactions of entertaining the crowds which were to come later in the week.

Johanna received us most cordially. If her keeper had not been on constant guard to see that we did not get too near the cage she would

keeper had not been on constant guard to see that we did not get too near the cage she would no doubt have received us more cordially still. She smoked cigarettes with us, drank a bottle of wine, and wrote her autograph for each one of us. She must have had a number of names, and wrote a different one for each of us, since no two of the sheets she handed back resembled each other. Her keeper warned us that it would be the control of the sheets of the sheets of the sheet warned us that it would be the sheet of the sheets of the sheets of the sheet warned as that it would be the sheet of the sheets of the sheet of the sheets o and wrote a different one for each of us, since no two of the sheets she handed back resembled each other. Her keeper warned us that it would be just as prudent not to hand her the entire note book, if we wanted to be sure of getting it back, so we tore out leaves and handed them in, one at a time, with a pencil. Johanna would take the paper and pencil in the most serious manner imaginable. It was always a puzzle to me just how much was mere imitation. Her manner of writing was peculiar, to say the least. She would lay the paper down on the floor of her cage and sit on one corner of it to hold it down. Then she would write rapidly, looking down all the time as intently as any person would, to see what she was doing. When she had finished she would hand the paper and pencil back of her own accord, without any signal from her keeper to do so.

Oddly enough, the scrawl which she put upon the sheet of paper which I handed her could, with very little stretch of the imagination, be thought to read "Joanna." It was so nearly that, anyway, that my paper had it reproduced in fac simile as "Joanna's autograph, written by her for the Boston—." I give a copy of it here. It will be seen that she preferred to spell her name without the "h."

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Johanna.

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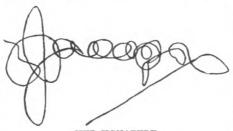
OHANNA is dead.
Johanna was the largest, the most intelligent, and the most famous animal of the monkey kind that has ever been kept in captivity. She was a chimpanzee, nearly as big as a med iums iz e d man, and stronger than any two men. She had many of the accomplishments of the accomplishments of the accomplishments of the monked kind had the temper of a fiend. She was the property of Barnum & Bailey's circus, and died of of 1900.

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or attention size attracted as and the state of the crowded streets with her keeper.

Johanna was the widow of Chiko, another remarkable chimpanzee, who died at Central Park a few years ago. She was larger than her husband, to whose memory it is probable she was inconsolably devoted, since when she was riven a new husband, some time afterwards. was inconsolarly devoted, since when she was given a new husband, some time afterwards, a chimpanzee of a homelier countenance, she strangled him the first night he was in the cage, and the keepers found him dead the next morning.

Once she got away during the night, when



HER SIGNATURE.

the circus was in winter quarters. She had always seemed to have a particular dislike for the giraffe, whose cage generally stood near hers. When found, in the morning, she had climbed up on the giraffe's cage and was pounding him over the head with the handle of a broom which she had picked up.

She nearly killed her keeper when he tried to recapture her, and tore his clothes into strings. She broke the broom handle over the head of another keeper who came to the first man's rescue. She was finally secured by shoving a two gallon jug of port wine, of which she was particularly fond, into the room. After smelling of the wine, and tasting of it to make sure it was what she liked, she drank the whole of it, and was made so stupid that she was recaptured. by her for the Boston—." I give a copy of it here. It will be seen that she preferred to spell her name without the "h."

Johanna's keeper was Connecticut man. The same man had the entire care of her ever after she was brought to this country, and his whole time was devoted to her. He was a man of superb physique, and one of the handsomest men I ever saw. Johanna worshipped him, but he never trusted her enough to go into her

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A May Day greeting, dear cousins, to one and all of you, and a sincere wish that Spring ends happily to you all, and you will go into the rose month merrily. Now let us talk of other things.

The first question I come to is from Cousin Jennie of Geneseo, Ills., and she wants to know what finger the engagement ring goes on. My, my, I thought every girl knew as soon as she got out of her baby clothes that it was the third finger of the left hand, and ought to be a solitaire. She asks another question about her eyes and skin, that the doctor can best answer.

Brown Eyes, Baltimore, Md.—Don't teach children kissing games. (2) Of course it is proper to rest your head on a car-seat back, when you are tired. (3) Don't worry about the young man. He is silly or he isn't old enough to know any better. You are acting quite right.

Sweet Brier, Porthill, Idaho.—Let the young man go with the other girl if he wants to. Is he the only one on earth?

L. E. W., Mauston, Wis.—Yes, you may send your graduation card to the young man. Put your name on the card. (2) The giver's name may be written in the book given, or not, as you please. (3) Your other questions are not foolish but I have answered them many times here.

Pansy, New Brighton, Pa.—Don't let the young man put his arms around you unless you are engaged to him. The better you'like him the more reason for this. (2) Elopements are altogether too risky for me to advise you to get a husband that way.

Mocking Bird, Lake City, Fla.—It is quite right to hope you will see the young man again, and say so. (2) Collars seem to be as high as ever and silver bracelets are popular. (3) A girl should be at least twenty before accepting men's attentions. (4) Sitting out a dance is all right—even on a porch, I suppose, but it would be rather chilly in Maine.

Pet, Graniston, Texas.—If you have rosy cheeks he yellow castis possibly natural. (2) I can't give dvice about eyes. They are too delicate. Talk to a doctor. (3) Engaged couples are a law unto themselves and you must use your own judgment as to how familiar your fiance may be.

Rose and Orange, Stony Point, Mo.—Don't marry a man younger than yourself if you can get any other. (2) Let the caller light his cigar in the hall. (3) Don't ask the young man to join your charch, and then he will not refuse. But he should go to shurch with you. (4) A boy of twenty should not call every Sunday night. (5) Shake hands at the door.

Charlotte, High Bridge, Mich.—You are so mixed up with your heart affairs, my dear, that I cannot advise you. Drop them all for a year and begin over again with new people.

Crazy, Waterboro, Me.-I think you are as you sign your name. You know it isn't right to accept the attentions of married men.

Ida, Keener, Ark.—Make the young man jealous by smiling at some other.

Ben, Pine Bluff, Ark.—If the friend does not care to eat, leave her alone until you have finished. (2) Wash Battenburg in white soap, slapping instead of rubbing, and pin out on a pillow or the floor, with a towel between, to dry. Some iron on one side. (3) Better mind your mother about the young man for a couple of years. If he is the right kind he will not object.

Sunflower, Friend, Kans.—The young fellow, who ill not go to see you because you won't let him ug you, has the making of a scoundrel in him.

Kid, Daisy, Wash.—Store or office acquaintance is enough in small towns for a speaking acquaintance. (2) I don't see how you can help forgetting one who has proved unworthy. Why remember him?

C. G. N., Uniontown, Pa.—The hostess, of course. (2) Yes. (3) Twenty may marry forty-five if she wants to. (4) Better obey your parents. (5) If you don't love the man tell him so.

S. J., Tangipahoa, La.—No, if you are engaged to him. (2) School girls should not go to balls. (3) You might go riding occasionally.

Ella, Arnold, Pa.—Your love affairs are too com-plicated for me to advise.

Pansy and Violet, Maysville, Ga.—"Don't mention it", or "You are quite excusable" are good answers to "I beg your pardon". (2) Really, I don't know, but it seems to me if you were thankful to get the engagement ring you might say, "I thank you, kind sir," or something like that. There isn't space to answer all your questions.

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Bessie and Louella, Dunnville, Ind.—Isn't there something else you can talk about except beaus? At least until you are older.

Neoma, Kendrick, Idaho.—Be as indifferent and changeable as the young man is. (2) Say whatever you think pretty in congratulating a newly married pair. (3) Be polite to the girls you mention, and no more. Don't have anything to do with "wild girls."

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There, my dears, your questions are all answered except some who seem to think I can answer forty questions at once. It isn't nice to be so greedy. May you be happy and have all things you ought to have. By, by.

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HE sun touches the point of his extreme northern declination, being the first minute of the sign Ca ncer, at about twenty minutes past ten o'clock in the evening of the 21st day of June, this year. At that moment the 20th degree of Aquarius will be rising and the 8th degree of Aquarius will be culminating. The sun will be conjoined with Meptune on the cusp of the 5th house in which Venus is also found; Mercury is just inside the 6th house, with Herschel in the 10th but in benevolent aspect with Jupiter and Saturn in the 11th house and favorably beholding Venus and Mercury in the 5th house. This figure corresponds in its main features with that erected for the Total Eclipse of the sun which occurred May 18th, this year; the superior planets being in the same parts of the figures are good for the country's progress there are detrimental indications which invite comment. Herschel in the 10th in square with Mars and Moon in the 7th house, points to some national disquietude over developments in our relations with foreign powers; showing some dispute or contention over international matters in which a show of force in the nature of a military or naval move is quite probable. The administration suffers some criticism by the people of its manner of dealing with the question and there will be likely to be considerable antagonism displayed among the people and very bitter disensions over the doings of great corporations or combinations of capital. There are likely to be some disagreeable questions of finance or trouble in our commercial relations with other governments; some retaliations as to tariff regulations. There will be likely to be some conflict in western localities either in the nature of a strike or some lawlessness or mob violence. Saturn opposing Venus in the 6th and the Sun going to the opposition of uniter and saturn affects the nation in a pecuniary sense for a season; the failure of some eminent firms shakes public confidence to some exient and there are likely to be some wide fluctuations in stock prof

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1901.

JUNE 1-Saturday. Conflicting conditions prevail on this day, not encouraging the beginning of any important venture in life; do not use the day for anything but routine matters; beware of incurring the displeasure of those in authority; government officials and officers of railroads and other large corporations will not be favorably disposed all of this day and the next; explosions and accidents are prone to occur in these passing hours and Regulus desires to impress his friends with the necessity for unusual caution in these respects; the suggestion is particularly urged upon those who were born about the 28th of February or May, 30th of August, or 5th of December, of past years. Ladies so born are many of them experiencing unusual trouble of mind over the conduct of affairs of near male relatives or those who are expected to become their marital partners.

2-Sunday. Peculiar sentiments and odd expres-

2—Sunday. Peculiar sentiments and odd expressions will be observable in the extemporaneous discourse of to-day; contentions and quarrels are to be especially guarded against; let all be guarded against fires.

3.—Monday. Unpromising for dealings in decorative or ornamental goods; nor should the time be chosen for a wedding day; correspondence and contract-making is best deferred until the forenoon of the morrow.

best deferred until the forenoon of this day should be vigorously employed for the prosecution of all general business; for dealing in metals, machinery and cutlery also for the pursuit of the mechanical trades and inventions; seek money accommodations; adjust accounts make purchases for trade in the early forenoon but expect to be somewhat disappointed in such matters in the day.

day.

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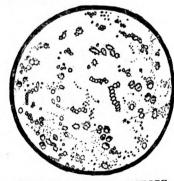
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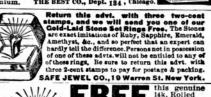
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13—Thursday. One of the best days of the month; be up with the sun and urge business vigorously throughout the day; buy goods to sell again; deal with the banker and all persons of prominence or distinction. Regulus advises his friends to lose none of the golden moments of this day but to push all honorable transactions with more than the ordinary assurance of success; preference, if any, may be given to the last two-thirds of the day for mental efforts, the beginning or pursuit of all literary undertakings and generally for the planning of all enterprises of moment, business arrangements, commercial contracts, journeys, educational projects, stock and monetary programmes and ecclesiastical or judicial deliberations and decisions. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday or if form about the 4th of May or 5th of November, of past years, the above suggestions are peculiarly appropriate. Use the day for the mechanical and chemical pursuits; begin important ventures of that nature, institute legal proceedings, practice surgery, buy machinery, employ me

14-Friday. An indifferent day in which care and moderation are invited; do not bargain for houses or lands in the afternoon.

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15—Saturday. An adverse day in which matters of much importance are best deferred; see that thy tongue or pen do no violence to good judgment on this day; moral deformities are excited and crimes are increased and disclosed; quarrels, bad accidents, and sudden deaths are induced; do thou beware of litigation and contentions at this time for the day is one of strife and discord; let all persons born about the 5th of March, 2nd of June, 5th of September or December, of past years, guard carefully the health at this time; avoid all controversy and be sure that business ruptures do not come through acts of theirs; married ladies born on either of these days should be guarded at this time against promoting domestic unpleasantness, as anxieties through or in behalf of their married partners as also lovers' quarrels and estrangements are very probable.

16-Sunday. An excellent day for mental exertion and for association with thy superiors who will feel well disposed and agreeable.

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17—Monday. Beware of making purchases on this day, for disappointing experiences will result in most cases and general conditions bid thee pause before engaging in any matter of great importance. Give thy landlord a wide berth and avoid all matters pertaining to real estate. Hold fast the purse-strings and do not loan thy credit or sign as security on any money obligation.

18—Tuesday. The forenoon gives the best hours, especially for removals and for the literary pursuits, mental efforts and the execution of writings of consequence pertaining to educational publications; as the evening approaches let all be guarded in handling inflammables or explosives.

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19-Wednesday. This day favors all manner of engagements in connection with strange and uncommon subjects, promoting metaphysical discourse and antiquarian researches; do not make any application to persons in authority for favor or advantage in the late afternoon.

20-Thursday. Defer thy purchases of wearing apparel or fancy or ornamental wares until a more favorable time, and look out in the pursuit of pleasure or recreation or in obtaining gratifications of itaste that extrawagant drains are not made upon the purse or that articles purchased are of the value represented.

21-Friday. Ask favor of heads of departments, functionaries of state, or superiors in rank in the early forenoon and bend all thine energies to the pursuit of business generally; matters of a literary character are less favored during the middle hours of the day; seek money accommodations in the evening, when also bargain for houses and lands or secure architectural or horticultural advantages.

22-Saturday. Urge sales of merchandise of an or-namental or decorative character in the forenoon; be-ware of a too ready tongue in the middle hours lest haste spoil many good ventures; fires and explosions are easi-ly caused and hurts from vicious animals are to be guarded against

23-Sunday. The morning hours are best for en-joyment of the elegant in literature and activity of the imagination; few conditions, however, conduce to re-ligious fervor or moral advancement.

24-Minday. Pecuniary losses are among the affects induced by the prevailing conditions of this day; so be thou careful that thy purchases are prompted by necessity rather than for profit or self-gratification and defer the speculative until a more propitious time; be sure and have no dealings in houses or lands nor make any contracts or engagements for their improvement or extensive repairs; do not buy mining stocks nor the products of mines or wells.

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25-Tuesday. The unpropitious moments of this day occur around the noon hours when business of all kinds should be transacted with unusual caution; avoid important contracts and defer correspondence at that time; those employed with the pen should act with great circumspection; errors of account are more than usually liable in the noon hours; the morning is not propitious for any of the elegant pursuits and should not be chosen for any new enterprise calling for the exercise of unusual taste; do not use the time for buying any artistic or decorative goods.

26-Wednesday. Be early at thy post, pushing business vigorously while the day lasts; speculations in railroad stocks and money transactions result favorably to those whose nativities also promise fairly at this time; buy goods for trade; let judges weigh testimony and decide important cases. The day is peculiarly fortunate for persons born about the 29th of April or August, of past years.

past years.

27—Thursday. Another of the excellent days of the month which should be used for inaugurating important matters connected with art, music, fancy goods and the elegant in life; deal in such commodities as coal, iron, wood, lumber, lead, wool and grain, and with discretion in mining stocks; make contracts for building and repairing and such also as pertain to manufacture or large mechanical or engineering enterprises.

28-Friday. Begin the day early; do correspondence and urge all manner of business with vigor; deal with booksellers and stationers and those engaged in the intellectual pursuits generally.

29-Saturday. An unpromising day for persons in the polite avocations; seek no favor from railway officials nor from persons high in public office make no contracts concerning patents, copyrights or trademarks.

30 - Sanday. A rather quarrelsome and contentious Sabbath inviting patience and forbearance in a remarkable degree; the religious discourse of the day is likely to be aggressive and controversial and be marked by hasty logic or offensive references. Let all persons born about the 29th March, 1st of July or 2nd of October, of past years, be especially watchful of finances at about this time or some bad losses will come. They should practice strict economy and be very conservative in all their ventures.

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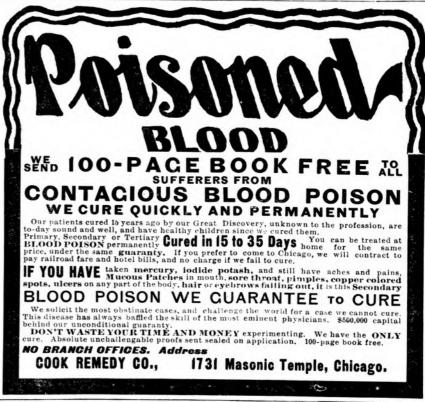
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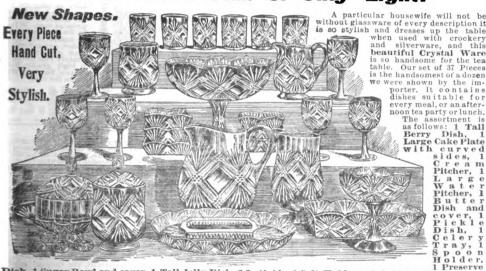
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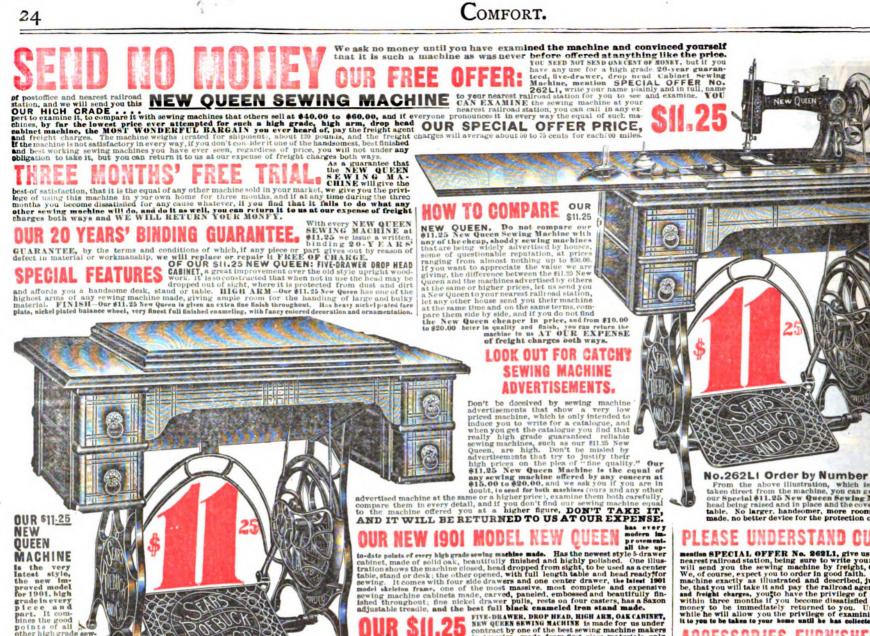
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TOP, wait! Don't pour the ether yet, Doctor, I beg of you. I have something to say to you. It is most important. Stoplisten!"

Weirdly the straining voice rang through the clear

whiteness of the operating room. The two white capped nurses turned quickly with glances of sudden question upon their usually imperturbable faces. The doctor replaced the glass stopper in the big blue bottle.
"Step closer, Doctor," pleaded the panting

voice between throbs of agony. "I will promise not to occupy your time but a moment-

"But, my dear sir, it is not my time but your own, that is so precious."

"Nonsense! I've got all eternity before me. I've cashed in my last stack, Doctor,-I know it, I feel it! You need not smile to mask your convictions with kindly encouragement. I'm face to face with one adversary at last where a bluff won't go. But, see here. Before you begin work let me just speak a word or two in secret, alone. Ladies, this is the last request I shall ever make of you in the flesh. Will you do me the kindness?"

The nurses looked at the doctor, saw his sign of approval and left the room. The door closed softly and the doctor stepped closer with some energy.

"Oh, you need not tell me that time is valuable," continued the patient. "I know it; but I think that when a man gets here, Dr. Florell, he may at least dedicate a few moments of a fading existence to one who has been so kind to him." He gave the young practitioner a grateful look. "In the first place, my name is not 'Hammond', as the hospital's blotter reads, and I am not a 'financier'. My name is Parkins, sir, and by profession I am a gambler." He paused to note the expression change in the listener's countenance. "Of course I have not a sou to reward you for all this kindness to me during these three weeks, ever since I was picked up unconscious in Madison Square and brought up here in the auto-ambulance. You see, the last homeward ocean trip did not net me much more than the passage money. Either the captain spotted me and let my game be known through the smoking-room, or else everybody came back from Paris broke. But the only four games I got into were mere tuppenny bits-" He stopped, for the pain racked him bitterly.

"My dear sir," admonished the young doctor with some pity in his professional insistence, "you are not growing stronger with this delay and effort. I can pull you through all right if you will only-

"Thanks!" interrupted the patient with a laugh of satanic bravado which showed him at least the physical hero. "You can't perform miracles, Doctor, and that is why I want to tell you something. Now, as I said, I leave nothing behind by which to compensate-

Why, man, I am a salaried officer of this city institution. I expect nothing-"

"That's just why I insist upon giving it to rooms of the clubhouse, and without knowing this part of the house was quite deserted. "in you. Now, I doubt whether you will ever be placed in that position where you will be compelled to use it, but I am going to tell you a simple secret about any game of cards that has netted me from ten thousand to fifty thousand dollars a year, and allowed me to live like a prince of the blood in any quarter of the globe I chose, and which may help you out of a tight hole some day----"

"I assure you, sir," rejoined the doctor with some severity in the rebuff, "I rarely touch cards, and then only with friends for the mere social pastime, and above all, while I possess my present modicum of good sense, not to mention honor, sir, I should decline to win by any secret which may have netted you a devil's ransom. Let your secret die with you-or, rather—let me proceed to prove that I can save your life that you may turn to a profession better adapted to one of your talents."

"Not so brilliantly, my friend. You have not traveled as much as I or you would know that there comes a crisis now and then in a man's life when he will sacrifice a wee bit of his 'good sense' and even somewhat of his cherished 'honor,' sir, if thereby he may be saved from utter ruin and no one the wiser. Heaven grant that you may never be placed in that predicament; but if you are, here is your salvation, and once saved you may present as many diamond necklaces to the Jerusalem shrine of the Virgin as the Russian princes do every time they 'remove' an obstructing heir or a too-complaining peasant. Will you bend closer? It will take me but just one moment and it may save you from some Waterloo-

"Will you be short and to the point?" asked the practitioner, without knowing that he was being led into the mazes of dangerous inquisitiveness by the soft, melting plea of the man on the brink of the eternal. Then he bent low over the still white face all seams and scars like a parchment map of a battle-field, listening like one hypnotized, unable to drag himself from the ensnaring confessions which seemed to rack the soul of the giver as a miser on his death bed reluctantly parts with his beloved treasure. When the fine young face of the scientist lifted it was flushed, and a guilty sense contained him without his knowing why. Then with a few kindly syllables he bade the patient compose himself for the ordeal, and summoned the nurses. Twenty minutes later two orderlies were carrying a motionless figure on a stretcher to the dead-room, and Doctor Florell, the most promising surgeon on the whole metropolitan staff, was wandering through the walled garden back of the institution, like a man crushed in between two opposing forces; the surgical problem that had defeated him, and the gambler's secret that had won him, and both in spite of his entire rallying powers of mind and morals. But alas, it was the former that soon passed away and it was the latter that remained to haunt and torture bim.

Nor did the haunting lessen with the passing of the hours. A thousand times he wished that his surgical skill might enable him to trepan the skull of the white shape in the hospital dead-room and thrust back the secret that the gambler had given him. And the thought that this same little secret had netted its discoverer the neat though ill-gotten average of thirty thousand dollars a year for half a lifetime, while he a battler against abstruse adversaries in medical science was not yet sure of as many hundreds—this thought did not contribute to his mental composure. Matters drew to an unexpected climax when, on crossing Madison Square on his way to the west side to his favorite Bohemian haunt to dine, he ran plump into Paisley-Paisley of uptown brokerage fame, wit, orator and budding politician.

"What! Not going to the Civic League dinner tonight?" said Paisley, throwing back his greatcoat and exposing an expanse of whiteness, "and you a city official too?"

"I may be a city official, Dan, but I am not in politics. I think that politics and such humanitarian things as hospitals should be kept well apart."

"But that's no reason why you should not be present at the Club dinner. It will be well worth while-the best of speakers and a fourdollar-a-plate spread. Can you resist that? Come: I'll march over to your chambers with you and hustle you into broadcloth. I want you to hear my speech. Why did we come from the same Ohio county save for the sole advantage of glorying in each other's gloryeh?"

"I have always been more than glad of your success, Dan," said the doctor, urged along against his will but secretly pleased to find such congenial company at a moment when he was the most oppressed. And that was the beginning of it. Within an hour Daniel Paisley and Doctor Thomas Florell were side by side at the damask of the Civic League, the waiters busy about them, a Babel of tongues and popping of champagne corks threatening to rain down the decorations from cornice and chandelier. The gambler and his accursed secret was forgotton.

But after a number of celebrities had been brilliant of wit and wisdom and Paisley had distinguished himself, making proud his com-

how he was urged thither, Doctor Florell found himself in the card room on the top floor-a sort of pit of Inferno, thick with tobacco smoke and noisy with the clatter of chips on bare mahogany. A diabolical madness came into the young practitioner's heart. In a patient he would have described it as acute mania. In himself he let it go without analysis. Without knowing that he was doing something he would regret for the remainder of his days, Doctor Florell discovered himself at the furthermost round table, Paisley opposite, two politicians on either side, a fiftydollar rampart of chips before him, and flushed face and parched lips that sought more often than discreet the cooling refection of icy wine sparkling at his elbow. He was playing the dead gambler's game almost by the force of the unseen spirit at his side reading the cards over his shoulder and dictating the play after the manner of his well-trained rascality. "At least," thought he, "as a psychological experiment it is worth fifty dollars to me to study myself under these excitements, and then I'll ease my conscience by giving the spoil to charity."

And so the play ran. So deeply absorbed and contained by the marvellous workings of the gambler's secret system was the doctor that he did not notice he had won a thousand dolfars within an hour, the two politicians were scarlet with rage in defeat, and Paisley very white, with eyes glaring like a hyena driven into a corner with hot irons. Then one politician threw down his cards in disgust, another coming to fill his place, and after another half hour's play, during which the now thoroughly maddened doctor took in another six hundred dollars, Paisley excused himself, promising to return. He was gone some time. but so terribly interesting was the play that the winner scarcely noted his absence. Once or twice the doctor glanced into his friend's face, noting how set and drawn it was in its desperation, but his success blinded the winner to every human sense of pity or consideration. For the time he was Play incarnate-wrapt. enthralled, pilloried with the passion that for the first time stole into his nature and utterly transformed it. Then after losing a large sum. Paisley again excused himself.

This time he was gone for quite an hour, but when he returned, he entered the play with apparently unlimited means and a resolve to do or die. If the young doctor had come out of his terrible trance long enough to see himself and others as he would in ordinary life, he might have cried, "Halt!" and fought down this lust for money-more money, ill-gotten, stolen, blood-stained money that scorched his sensitive soul with a new and terrible passion But he was blind with triumph, maddened with the possession of such a colossal sum of the root of all evil, and heard nothing but the ring of gold and felt only the demon within him. Then there came a climax.

Four times the seats of the politicians, all expert men at the cards, were filled, and away they went in defeat. It was about three o'clock in the morning when Paisley arose after the turn of a fatal card, placed his hands against his temples, uttered a low moan and turned about. The doctor heard that little cry, and it went to his heart like cold steel. Excusing himself, he arose abruptly and in a sort of delirium of shame and resolve, followed the tottering figure as it moved through the smoke like a lost soul through the sulphurous realms of hell, on toward the door and thence through the deserted corridor to the cloakroom. There, unknowing that he was followed, the young broker and wit, utterly abandoned and already more than half insane with defeat, hurried over the threshold, closing and locking the door behind him.

"My God!" murmured the doctor. "This will never do. He contemplates something desperate. I must get at him some way-He stood still, trying to rally himself to the breach when he remembered another entrance into the cloakroom, and through corridor and several chambers he hurried, haggard and distraught, dashing into the apartment just in time to see a tottering figure standing before the mirror, his white face gleaming like drenched ivory, a revolver in his right hand, the muzzle at his temple.

With what marvellous rapidity does the human mind work in such appalling crises as these! Doctor Florell did not shriek out and alarm the house, neither had he the time to rush through the masses of hats and coats in nelter-skelter confusion everywhere and lay violent hands upon the madman ere the deed was done. He simply reached down and seized two of the nearest silk hats and flung them both with all his strength straight at the dishevelled and rigidly poised head before the glass. One hat went wide of the mark, the other struck the clenched hand enough to turn the muzzle from its fatal mark just as the revolver exploded, making an ugly scalp wound. Paisley turned instantly, falling back against the mirror, steadying himself there, staring at his apprehender like one gone stark mad on the moment, blood trickling down his colorless cheek and over his scarcely paler shirtfront.

The doctor had closed and locked the door, and fortunately the revelry of the clubmen afar rade of years, the diners repaired to the various drowned to them the noise of the shot, and

the name of heaven!" moaned the life-saver as he advanced upon the trembling figure, "what does this mean?" He drew his handkerchief and with a practiced twist bound up the flesh wound, wiping the blood from face and shirt. front as the stiff shape stood there like a pillar

"Mean?" echoed Paisley, in the voice of the grave, "it means that I am ruined—disgrace: lost." He suffered the kindly ministrations without scarcely noticing them. "First I lost nine hundred dollars—all my savings for lay wedding trip next month with the sweetest woman on God's earth." He paused, then plunged on with the abandon of a man on the rack. "Then I went away and returned with thousand dollars more. Do you know where got them? I stole my mother's marriage jewels and pawned them." A frightful silence ensued The doctor fell back with a gasp. The confess. ing one was not yet done, however. "I lost and went away again, returning with three ther. sand dollars, for I felt sure that I should retrieve all I had lost—I could not see how a man like you so ignorant of cards should continual. ly defeat me who, alas, has given them too much study. Well, do you know where I got that three thousand dollars? I went to the office of my employer, got the watchman to let me in on a plausible pretext, went to the safe and took the money—the firm's money. Brield me then! I am a thief, a desecrator, a default.

"Stop, stop!" It was a mad cry that broke from the listener's blue lips, and quite for the first time during this halting confession the broker faced his friend. The countenance of the usually calm practitioner was frightfulte behold. Even Paisley shuddered, for he say there a grief even more terrible than his own if such could be. "Not another word, Palety, You did not steal that money, my boy. It is You did not steal that money, my boy. It was I who stole it. You are not the descrator of your mother's treasury—you are not its scoundrel—it is I. Listen! listen! Today—loday—or was it yesterday—God! I am losing my mind—today—but let that pass. You are to all guiltless, nor am I all guiltly. There is all guiltless, nor am I all guiltly. There is a great spirit of Evil that steals into men's bestile when they know not—" The would-be succein a state of stupefaction had slipped into an armchair and lay like dead. "Paisley, Paisle!" resumed the doctor. "a moment more and I resumed the doctor. "a moment more and I

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should have been a murderer. As it is my lad, I thank God for salvation and a great lesson. I have the money here-we shall return every penny before the loss is discovered. Take my hand comrade. Let us together swear before the Almighty and allwise ruler of our destinies that we will never touch another card nor drink another drop of the sparkling madness so long as we shall live. Shall we swear it—you and _b_ ere together?"

Peisley struggled up like a drowning man dragged from the roaring torrent. The two mera clutched each other there, reading their inmost souls in each other's eyes. "I swear, I swear!" he moaned out like a death-rattle in the agony of his regeneration.

"And I too, Paisley, and I too. Amen, and amen! Come; let us get out of here before we are discovered. Pull yourself togetherqui**c**k!"

The next morning Doctor Florell wandered down to the dead-room of the great hospital and stood in meditation beside the white figure on the slab. An orderly passed near. "Shall we take that body to the Morgue or to the college!" he asked in tones of wooden blunt-

"Neither," said the doctor. "Call an undertaker. This man shall have no pauper burial." Then as the orderly moved away, addressing the inanimate clod as if even now it had ears to hear, "Stranger, I have six hundred dollars left of your accursed spoil for charity. I shall give you a decent burial, not because charity in this case begin at home, you scoundrel, but because deep down in my heart I am grateful for the most terrible and lasting lesson of my Life."

Uncle Zeke's Boston Mare.

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NCLE Zeke bought the mare in Boston for a song, at an auc-= tion, and how he ever came by her I so cheap was always to him a mystery. But I never did see a man step bigger

in his boots than he did that night after he came home-going up to the house after putting in the barn the Boston mare.

"I got the hoss now Rhody," he said, speaking to aunt that night in the kitchen, all of us sitting around the room. "I got the hoss now that will take us down to Rev. Mr. Little's church to the Green Sundays a flyin.' The sarmon next Sunday may be kind o' slow-be little fire, lightnin' an' etarnel punishment in is but ther's goin' to be a good deal o' arenestness in our gittin' thar!"

He was so "tickled," to use his own expression, that he lay awake all night-worked up with the pleasure of his success, and in the morning when I looked out of my chamber window, there he was-the Boston mare hitched into one of the gigs and going up and down the road, the animal stretching it off at her level best. Overcome with excitement he could hardly eat any breakfast, and fairly whistled in peeling a potato.

"I golly," he said, "I'm goin' to Bridgton Cattle Show today an' enter the trot fer the fust premium. Enter my Boston mare! An' she'll git it-I know she will! Beat anything in Phillips County! 'R else I miss my guess! I'll show em' what Zekel Thrasher ken do behind a hoss!"

Now Uncle Zeke never lied in any one particular, excepting in a horse trade, and here, if he was trading with a "feller that thought he knew it all," as he used to say, he would, if he could, show the "feller," that he knew a little something. In such cases his talk and promise record was always somewhat winding. The Tess up o' jedgment," as he used to "where heads I win, an' tails, you, the gull lost," was particularly alluring pastime to Uncle Zeke. For human nature like, and Yankee like in particular, he did want to come out ahead of anything he went into. On the other hand, as he used to say, "If anybody comes to me an' says, 'Here Zeke Thrasher, you git me a hoss! I don't know anything 'bout a hose! You know what I want! One'll road it an' work on the farm-an' 'fore cattle, I put it all in your hands!' Well if anybody comes an' save that, I git 'em an' honest hoss.'

And folks did say, those who went to him in that way, that they found they had from him when the horse was tried, about such an animal as they wanted at a fair price. But with the akins, he was a skinner.

"Wish he'd be ther'," I heard him say to himself while stepping into the gig, "make out they were sisters, like enough."

iventured to suggest that the Boston mare looked very much like our gray "colt," as we called her. She was just the same size, color and age, and it would be a good plan to drive them down as a span.

"Span!" sneered Uncle Zeke. "Span! Humph!

Span! It takes a good deal besides gray hairs last, on the third, he drove leisurely back, "To and uncle laughed the words, as the man in the an' the same size bones under hoss flesh to make a span sir! Know it? It takes G-I-S-M gism! You put 'em both together an' see."

After breakfast I did go down to the pasture and led up our young gray mare, to find uncle was right. That although they did look just alike in every particular, still on the whole, when you looked at the two together, they were as different as life is to death.

Uncle was struck however with their similarity, and as he was getting into the gig said, "If I draw the fust premium, an' I know I shall, I don't see why the fast gray can't sell the slow gray. You hitch her into the tother gig an' git down ther' 'bout quarter or half after 'leven. Drive round to the main entrance-by the grand stand. I want to git rid o' that dum dumpish thing some how or other."

He stopped when he drove out into the road and reminded me again. "Drive down 'bout quarter er half past 'leven John an' wait at the back entrance. Wait ther' till I come."

He would have said more, but Arad Dumfy just then drove along and they both "skited" down the road, Uncle Zeke giving Arad his dust and shouting, "How does she look from behind Arad?"

It was three miles to Bridgton Cattle Show and I should like to have seen the picture uncle left on the farmers' minds of Phillips County as he wheeled by them one after the other, Arad Dumfy the rear of the long line of wonder.

"Ther's Zeke Thrasher," said Hiram Handley to Abial Brown, seeing uncle driving around the track, "now 'Bial he ain't here for nothin'! Not fer nothin' 'Bial! What's he got thar? By G. Whitaker, don't that hoss step? Looks to me zif ther' was a hull hoss in them shafts

Abial Brown agreed with Hiram Handley and the thousands of others on the grand stand as well as those across on the other side of the fence, that Zeke Thrasher was holding in with the ribbons a marvel of equine grace and restrained fire.

"Haint no Boston mare, an' nothin' o' the kind;" snarled out Jason Tupper, and Uncle Zeke heard it-stopped before the judge's stand at the time and speaking to the latter. "He's entered her's the Boston mare! But it's the daughter o' the hoss I sold him six years ago. Haint good fer nothin'! Says he bought her to an auction in Boston. Humph! Lies! Needn't be 'fraid of her!''

Uncle drove along some ways and turned-all eyes on him-for no matter where the animal came from she was to be admired. He passed the grand stand-holding in the mare to an easy movement just beyond a fast walk, a little man with skin drawn tight over a peaked face, that was helped out and accentuated with a chin whisker of fifty or more blazing red hairs.

"I don't know," said Brown to Tupper as the latter drove up and stopped, "I don't know Jason! That hose is all thar-even if she did come as you say, from the mare you stuck on him six year ago. Lord! if she beats here today Pat Hegerty, that still owns the old one 'll make a mint raisin' colts."

"Haint good fer nothin'! Haint good fer nothin'! Break all up 'fore she gits half round the track the first time," returned Tupper.

"Don't know," said Brown, as both looked to where Uncle Zeke was before the starting stand-looking up and talking with the judge. 'Don't know 'bout that. When that little goatee o' Zeke Thrasher's is turned up in that fashion, the way 'tis now as he's talkin' with the committee, it looks to me zif 'twas sayin' with him, 'Zeke Thrasher's got the only piece o' buttered bread ther' is on the track this day an' he ain't goin' to drop it nuther."

The two smiled, and as Tupper was driving away from the man on the other side of the rail, Uncle Zeke stepped his mare in a grand anticipatory motion along the track. He noticed Tupper's satisfied grin and Brown's smile and said to himself, "I'll give him enough

It was bad enough for uncle to get fleeced six years previous by Jason Tupper, who sold him a gray mare for a high price, that had blind staggers, but now to know—as he caught again some words of Tupper's that his Boston mare was being traduced, made the short hairs under his little white slouched hat almost stand on end. But he held himself in, and the mare too, until at last, after three attempts, the start was made.

"It's all right! It's all right!" shouted Uncle Zeke, passing the starting-point away behind the other four on the track-"All right!" and he was going round the track, closing in the distance and going by the next in the rear as he shouted.

Orrin Chase led out with Jason Tupper next and for some time it was between the two, but just as Tupper had passed Chase, he found himself neck and neck with a little gray mare that was carrying along a small red chin whisker, that under a white slouched hat was pointed toward business as the words came, "It's all right! Daughter o' the old mare! All right!"

And so round and round they went, uncle gradually leading and giving more and more room for the eyes of the spectators on the grand stand in which to roam between him and Jason Tupper, the next behind. In fact it was hardly a trot-Uncle Zeke coming in at each of the

see what had become of Jason and the rest," as he jokingly said to the committee above.

"Want to swap hosses?" asked Uncle Zeke, after the time was announced, and he was adjudged the winner of the purse of a hundred dollars, "want to swap with me, Jason?"

All the county was on the grand stand or across the track fronting it and waiting for the answer. Jason looked admiringly at the horse, and so did Orrin Chase.

"Pooty good trade ye made on me after all," said Jason, stepping from his gig. "Yes, gentlemen, I sold him the mother o' that mare," and he sleeked her down the back as he spoke. 'Good hoss! Good hoss! Ain't ye pooty well satisfied now, Mr. Thrasher?"

"Yaas," said Uncle Zeke, "kind o' satisfied. None of us 's ever quite satisfied." And then he said to himself, holding his lips together with an effort, "Ye darn insultin' cuss! Think I lie, do ve?"

"Want to sell the boss?" asked Jason.

"Yees, I'll sell the mare! I don't want so fast a hoss. What'll ye give?"

Jason Tupper's offer of three hundred dollars only brought a sneer on Uncle Zeke's face. If he was to sell the Boston mare he was going to get what she was worth he thought, but at last when Jason raised a hundred, uncle began to think that his taxes were due, as well as some notes, and not knowing what bad outs the mare might evolve, he began to think seriously of selling.

In a tone of regret he said he would drive her around the track once more and think about it -this after Jason had gone up to four seventyfive, adding with a grit of his teeth in the tone that showed he meant it, "and not another

Uncle drove down the track and for a brief space was lost to view beyond the hall, at the rear entrance, and when he came back jumped with the air of a martyr resignedly from his gig.

"I guess you ken take her," said uncle. "Take hoss an' gig fer five hundred dollars?"

After some haggling Jason accepted the offer and taking out his pocket book uncle quickly closed the strap over a half a thousand, trying to contain himself from growing out of his boots while doing so, and Jason Tupper likewise trying to withhold his consciousness of increased riches in the possession of the fastest horse in Phillips Corner.

Thinking only of his good fortune, Jason Tupper sprang into his gig behind his newly purchased trotter, giving no heed to Uncle Zeke, as the latter hurried to the main entrance.

Jason's friends, and admirers of horses generally gathered around him as he sat in his gig, offering their heartiest congratulations and looking critically at the champion. But somehow the horse seemed dumpish. There was no fire in her eye, and one dealer remarked, that as Zeke Thrasher made the last half of the track, in the drive he took just before the money was passed, it didn't seem to him it was the same animal on the track.

They were noting and in this way commenting, while uncle was speaking to me at the entrance. "Ye did well," he said. "Ye did well not to drive in. 'Cause I didn't want her seen. Did she hold hard?" I told him that she was rather restless, and leaving the gig as I spoke, he took my seat and the ribbons and drove down in front of the grand stand.

"Want to swap hosses? Swap hosses fer five hundred dollar's to boot! Who-o-o-Nancy!" Nancy was the name of the Boston mare, and as Uncle Zeke shouted the word, and held back on the reins, coming up and stopping alongside of Jason Tupper, the latter turned pale.

For a moment Tupper was speechless, and then he shouted, "You've robbed me! What fraud is this?" and he looked at his listless dead and alive thing before him with head down, and from it to the uneasy and noble animal a few feet away—restless and impatient as it were to get at a distance from such commonplace company. Some crookedness had been consummated—that was evident.

"No fraud or robbery," said Uncle Zeke, "no fraud or robbery! You're all right Jason Tupper! You bought the daughter o' the mare ye sold me six years ago, an' I sold her to you! You were satisfied, an I was satisfied! Now what more d' ye want? If you buy what you want fer the price you set, an' then find out afterward that buyin' on yer own jedgment's a pooty poor light to go by, an' that you bought too high-that ye bought a hose with a dif'rent trot from what ye expected, it's about time when ye do that, to git out o' the hoss business an' git into some other kind o' follorin' that ye understand! Do it soon's ye ken-I should! What do you s'pose is your business? Whoa-Nancy! Whoa!"

Uncle Zeke had gone on conscious of one great snicker from every one in hearing,-and knowing that the farthest was retailing the spice to others, until the grand stand as well as those opposite were knowing that Jason Tupper had been stepped ahead of in a horse deal—but just how was a mystery.

"Hello, what's comin' here?" and Uncle Zeke as he spoke looked up the track where every eye was on an old gray horse moving very slow, seemingly the ruins of what was Guess you know a good deal about it boy! three heats farther and farther ahead, until at never much of a horse. "Pat Hagerty, I vow!" Arnica Court Fluader or Ladice Knife we will seed of the land of

gig that was coming in front, laughed a reply in "Did ye do it Misther Thresher? Did ye do it? Ye sould me this ould horse for twenty dollars that ye said ye ped him two hundred for, an' now if ye got some iv it back I'm glad!"

I had joined, on the road coming, Pat Hagerty at the fork in the turnpike, and told him about uncle's Boston mare,—that he had gone ahead to put her on the track, and I was coming up with our slow "colt," in hopes as uncle said, that the fast gray would sell the slow gray. He had been guessing at uncle's scheme, when uncle had me change places with him at the back entrance behind the hall, the old man saying "Consarn him, he swears I'm lyin'. Says I'm drivin' on the track the daughter o' the mare he sold me six year ago! I'll give him enough on't!-Callin' me a liar! I'll sell him the d'generacy o' what he sold me, as long as he insists on't!"

Pat Hagerty heard no more, and I had nothing to tell him, but he knew and so did I, what was coming-that there was some skinning to be done in a horse trade, and that this time the coon to be "skunned" was Tupper.

"Now Pat," said Uncle Zeke to the man coming up in the gig, who stopped as he spoke, "I want you to tell me right here-right afore ev'rybody!-I want you to say how much I cheated ye on that hoss ye got in them shafts, and that ye bought o' me? Now come, tell right out!"

"I chated meself! Bought the divil's mother

I may say, while ever she had life, at my own price, you advisin' me to buy the sorrel. But I tuk me own way an' iv coorse am sat-is-fied!"

"Well now Pat you're holdin' the ribbons on

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which of 'em is her daughter?
"No need o' me answerin' "No need o' me answerin' that!" said Pat.
"Can't any one see the two in family? Ould age lank an lame, an' young age fat and lazy!
An' over here," and he looked at the Boston An' over here," and he looked at the Boston mare—life from her nostrils to the last hair of her tail, as she stood proud in the shafts before uncle, "over here is the fire iv the road! Ye see it!—See it in her huff an' eye!"

The word came to clear the track for the

next trot.

next trot.

"I guess," said Uncle Zeke, as the inquiring knot of humanity around the gray horses united and the band struck up "Yankee Doodle," "I guess the next time Jason Tupper you won't want to call me a liar right afore ev'rybody at Cattle Show, an' then put in five hundred dolla's in yer faith that I am a liar! Costs five hundred dollars to call me a liar Jason,—an' ye have to settle out o' court at that!"

Swift Vengeance.

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F the reader will glance at a map of America, he will notice that a promontory of land juts out from Central America toward the peninsula of Florida (the two together forming the confines of the gulf of Mexico), and which as he doubtless well knows is the province of Yucatan. The history and interior of this country is but comparatively little known to this day. Formerly it is reported to have been inhabited by such a fierce and warlike race of Indians as to render its explo-

ration practically impossible. Many a scientific and exploring expedition went into its tangled forests in early spring never to return or be heard from again. Tradition has it that long ago a native dweller on the seashore succeeded in penetrating far into the interior, and climbing a lofty tree saw in the distance the towers and spires of an ancient city, but upon returning to the coast again and telling of his discovery, was found on the morrow in his lonely hut with a dagger sticking in his heart.

The Yucatan of today is not especially interesting. It is for the most part in a low flat country, covered with a dense and tangled growth of tropical verdure. From Merida, its principal city, on its northwest coast, a pretense at a railroad runs some little distance inland. The country produces for export mainly a species of cactus from which rope is made. Its inhabitants of today are, in the main, peaceable and industrious, of a mixed Indian and Spanish blood. Who their Indian ancestors were they do not know, but modern science has at least discovered that they were a race of advanced intelligence and culture. Also that they left behind them ruins of vast structures of stone, some of them bearing carvings of most fantastic shape; which would ings of most fantastic shape; which would go to demonstrate that the legend of the early explorer from the coast certainly savored of the truth.

the truth.

One peculiarity of Yucatan is that it is almost wholly wanting in brooks and rivers, so that practically all the water supply which it affords must have been gotten from the many caves and subterranean caverns which, curiously enough, are found throughout the country. The early inhabitants of the country, whoever they were, must have frequently resorted to these caves, both to enjoy their cool and dim interiors, as well as to obtain water, which drips from their ceilings in many places, drop by drop, and which could be obtained nowhere else. The very fact that many of the ancient ruins of Yucatan are in the vicinity of these caves would of itself indicate that they were often thus visited.

were often thus visited.

But who were these early visitors? Who can tell? There is an ancient legend, for the truth of which I do not undertake to stand sponsor, that long ago a famous chief among these people, whoever they were, had a daughter, Uxna, so beautiful of face and feature and graceful of carriage that the famous has accessed. graceful of carriage that the fame of her spread

abroad throughout all this land, and many young braves made the long and tedious journey to the north, where her father resided, solely for the purpose of looking upon her, or possibly with a few of the more daring, to make the attempt, though destined to failure from the beginning to win her hand in model. from the beginning, to win her hand in wed-

lock.

Now there also dwelt at about this time in the extreme south of the country, probably as far down as what is now known as the province of Guatemala, a young chief of most extraordinary courage and physical strength, the bitter enemy of the tribes of the north, whose skill and tact in battle were well known; and seldom indeed were heard his propole courselled. seldom indeed were he and his people compelled to undergo the humiliation of defeat. His chief peculiarity was his love of the dog, and his devotion to its training and breeding was one of the principal secrets of his success in

Arms.

Much of his time had been devoted to the training and taming of the Yucatan dog, rough drawings of which antedating the sixteenth century, with its slender body, long snake-like neck, and head somewhat resembling that of an eagle, are to be seen on ruins in Yucatan to this day. He invariably went into battle accompanied by a large pack of these fierce animals, long since extinct, and it was to their savage ferocity, to a large degree, that his victories were due.

Reports of Uxna's beauty finally reached as far south even as the home of this rival chief.

tain, Anxul, and he resolved, as many another had done before him to make the journey to the north, and if possible bring back this fair damsel as his bride. He accordingly set out, unaccompanied except by a chosen pack of his best and most sagacious Yucatan dogs. It is a remarkable fact, that though Yucatan is so poorly supplied with water courses, it is favored nevertheless with as luxuriant a growth of matted jungle as can well be found. To make one's way through this forest tangle is a herculean task, even at this day, but Anxul was not a man to be deterred by any such obstacles, and though it involved many days of wearisome travel through the unbroken wilderness under the burning sun, he finally made his way tain, Anxul, and he resolved, as many another under the burning sun, he finally made his way to the palace of the north, and concealed him-self in the thicket near the massive structure of

self in the thicket near the massive structure of cut stone laid in mud cement, with his faithful dogs close at hand.

And now how was he to obtain a glimpse of the vision of beauty he had come so far to see? To wait patiently hidden where he was until the object of his search should walk abroad in the cool of the day, as was the custom with all, seemed to be his only course, alone as he was in the midst of so many enemies, and this he determined to do. Nor was he destined to be long disappointed, for on the second day of his vigil, towards sundown such a one came forth vigil, towards sundown such a one came forth from the palace as could be none other than she, and but to gaze upon whom was ample reward to Anxul for all the privations of the long journey be hed endured.

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But how was he to make known to this fair one the object and purpose of his visit? This was the matter which the young chief was turning anxiously in his mind as he watched from his place of concealment the damsel slowfrom his place of concealment the damsel slow-ly pace along the path from the castle to the great, yawning mouth of the cave in the hill nearby, which was alike the source of the water supply of the castle and the cool retreat of the royal household from the heat of the fierce tropical sun, in the interior of which a pile of fagots was continually kept ready for burning, to furnish light to the visitor to its dim depths.

Uxna passed within the cave, as was her wont at this time of the day, to apply her torch to the pile of fagots and sit for awhile watching its cheery blaze in the cool and damp interior. No sooner had she entered than the lithe body of the young chief emerged from the thicket and followed noiselessly after with tread as soft as that of the cougar, and movements as supple as the adder's.

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Now it so happened that Uxna had been thinking much of the future of late, as she sat gazing into the bright flame of the fagots. She was now no longer a child, but had come to womanhood, and true to her sex was already impatient to add as only woman can to the happiness of another, rather than continue longer in her present life of lonely isolation. Yet her father was so stern! Not one of the brave young chiefs who came to the castle so frequently was permitted by him for a moment to sue for her hand, but was turned roughly and to sue for her hand, but was turned roughly and angrily away. Not yet! was his invariable reply to any remonstrance from her upon the

Such things as these she was brooding upon that day, when lifting her eyes she beheld directly before her as handsome and sturdy a young chief as had ever yet been at the castle. Instinctively her heart told her the meaning of his presence there, and leaped within her as she listened with burning cheeks to the passionate words which the reader may imagine him breathing out to her. Fear, surprise, caution, all were forgotten in the thrill of response which swept over her. "I am Anxul, prince of the south, come to claim you. My kingdom shall be yours, and my right arm shall protect you. Come and be my bride!" pleaded the young chief; but had the two been less engrossed in one another they would have noticed a stalwart form noiselessly entering the cave, none other than the irate father himself, constantly on the watch over his daughter, and that the young chief was already in danger of his life, himself.

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As the words "Anxul, prince of the south," reached the ears of the approaching form, his face became livid with rage. His hated enemy, here in the very midst of his realm! and in the presence of his child! Instantly his hand went to his side where was constantly kept his sharp dagger of flint, chipped to the finest possible edge. Like a snake, with glistening eyes and darting tongue, creeping with noiseless folds upon its unsuspecting prey, the furious chief crept up under the shelter of a neighboring rock, to avenge himself at last upon this long time enemy. Slowly the bronzed arm clinching the dagger was raised little by little above the rock until it was directly over the head of the unsuspecting Anxul.

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Already the knife had begun its lightning descent when a sound like a rushing wind filled the cave, and in the twinkling of an eye the upraised arm was in the jaws of the Yucatan pack. To struggle for life against their ferocity was useless, and almost before the other occupants of the cave were aware of what had happened, the body of the unfortunate assailant was torn limb from limb, the very bones being crushed between the unyielding teeth of the relentless animals, and scattered about the cave. Uxna fainted at the awful sight, but was borne away unconscious in the strong arms of scious in the strong arms of Anxul, not again to recover consciousness un-

Anxil, not again to recover consciousness until she was far on the way through the jungle toward the south.

It is said that peace is the foster mother of progress. May it not be that the feuds between the tribes of the north and the south of Yucatan having been brought to an end by the manufage of the princes of one to the prince of marriage of the princess of one to the prince of the other, opened the way to that high state of development which science tells us from the relies which it left behind, was reached by the early inhabitants, of whom so little is known?
Occasionally in the caves of this country to-day there are to be found bits of broken earthenware, the charred embers of fires kindled by unknown hands thousands of years ago, and in one of them has been discovered broken bits of

Scientific men have suggested that putting scientific men have suggested that putting these three clues together—the embers, the broken dishes, and the shattered human bones, there is pretty good evidence that these early people were cannibals. What does the reader think; are these the remains of some demoniacal feast held in the dim cave, or might the earthenware be the remnants of water dishes, resembling that of an eagle, are to be seen on ruins in Yucatan to this day. He invariably went into battle accompanied by a large pack of these fierce animals, long since extinct, and it was to their savage ferocity, to a large degree, that his victories were due.

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of these caves, which they have kept untold already for a thousand years and more.

COMFORT.

Three Chautauqua Girls.

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OODBYE, goodbye, goodbye," sang the Chautauqua chorus, five hundred voices strong.

"Goodbye," pealed the great organ and the two grand pianos.

"Goodbye, good-bye," shouted the orchestra with all the strength of its many and variously attuned voices. The vast audience rose to its feet. the fluttering handkerchiefs gave the Chautauqua salute, turning the old amphitheatre into a billowy sea of white, and the Chautauqua Assembly of 1900 was ended and its members reluctantly streamed

out into the shady streets and spread far and wide through the grounds.

Three young ladies, with singing books in their hands, came out of the choir entrance and walked down the hill toward the pier-house.

"Now is our chance, girls," said one of them. 'But we must hurry, or some one else will have monopolized our corner before we get there. No, Harry," turning to a young man who came hastily toward them with invitation in his eye, "I cannot go rowing tonight. I know the moonlight is enchanting, but Miss Starr leaves in the morning, and this will be the last meeting of our trio. Tomorrow night I'll go with you."

The girls sped on, across the mall, and up the The girls sped on, across the mall, and up the inclined walk to the broad, second-story veranda of the pier-house, where they were soon in possession of the coveted corner, from which they could look down upon the lake sparkling in the moonlight, the pier, alive with steamers and moving forms, and the beautiful, tree-shaded lawn crowded with people walking about or sitting on the benches.

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For a time the girls sat quietly enjoying the scene, but at length Marjorie Starr drew a long breath, exclaiming:

"To think that this is my last night in this beautiful place! But teachers, like beggars, cannot be choosers, so I go where duty calls," and she ended with a resigned sich and che and she ended with a resigned sigh and a dra-

and she ended with a resigned sigh and a dramatic flourish.

"Well, Marjorie," said Julia Randolph,
"Mary King and I would pity you if we could,
but the same evil day is coming for both of us
and all too soon, and we have no sympathy to
waste. But come, you know we were each to
tell tonight of some experience which has come
to us which will help us in our next year's
teaching. Who begins? Mary?"

"Not I," answered the girl who had, so far,
taken no part in the conversation. "I am sorry not to do my part, but I can think of nothing which has happened to me this summer
outside of Chautauqua which is worth the telling, or which will help my teaching in the
least."

"Oh! oh!" exclaimed both girls, "indeed you

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cannot be let off in that way. You must tell us something."
"But how can I? I've nothing to tell."
"Well," said Julia, hesitatingly, "would you mind?—I've wanted to know all summer—telling us why your hair is so white? You surely see as young as we but your hair is se white or

ing us why your hair is so white? You surely are as young as we, but your hair is as white as my grandmother's."

"Yes, I am only twenty-five; but, well, I will tell you if you like after you have each told your story. It was a terrible experience, one of which I do not like to think, and I seldom mention it: but you have a right to know it.

which I do not like to think, and I seldom mention it; but you have a right to know it. Now, Marjorie, you begin."
"Well," answered Marjorie, "my last Easter vacation was spent in Pittsburgh, that city of smoke, dirt and cinders. One day my friend, who is much interested in settlement work, took me to visit a school for teaching poor young girls how to make a home. We went

down into the heart of the city, where the houses are of many stories, but where two or three rooms at most make the home of a famithree rooms at most make the home of a family. Here a building of four stories and a basement had been rented and fitted up for this work, and here we found fifty or sixty girls from ten to twenty years of age, busily and happily employed. In the basement was the laundry, and here were a dozen girls washing and ironing; for all the pupils are invited to bring not only their own personal washing but that of their entire family, to be washed, ironed and mended.

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"On the first floor were kitchen, dining-room and parlor. In the kitchen are prepared not only lunch and dinner for the pupils, but also for the children whom some of the girls are obliged to bring with them. In the dining-room they learn to serve a meal in a proper manner and also take turns in sitting at the head of the table and acting as mistress. In the parlor they are taught by turns to be parlor maid, visitor, and lady of the house, receiving visitors and governing and directing her household.

"Up stairs we found, besides the living rooms and bedrooms of the teachers, a fine library and reading-room for the girls, a nursery for babies, a kindergarten and playroom for the older little ones and a sewing-room where both making and mending of garments is carried on.

making and mending of garments is carried on. Among the workers in this room I noticed a Among the workers in this room I noticed a little girl of ten with an anxious, careworn face. She was patching with infinite pains a tiny pair of pants, but I could see that her thoughts were only half upon her work. Every

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lew moments she would run across to the aursery door and listen, and finally, as a baby Fail issued from that room she disappeared algosther. We soon after followed and found the sitting in the nursery, a baby of six months on her lap, while a pair of two year old twins and a little cripple of four years cuddled at her side. We went softly out before we were observed and our guide told us the story of this brave little woman.

"Her mother died last Christmas, leaving seven children, of whom this little Mary is the eldest. With her last breath she begged Mary to keep the children together and make a home for the father. He is a millman, and fond of the children and of his home when not in liquor, but a very demon when drunk, and little Mary was trying, with all the skill and tact she could command, to make a comfortable home for him, and so to induce him to stop drinking. Oh, it was so pathetic! the sight of that tiny child so bravely doing a work that many and many a woman has failed to accomplish. Girls, it seems to me that if that settlement should succeed in helping only that one little one in her hard life, if it saves only that one family from evil, it will be worth all it has cost. one family from evil, it will be worth all it has

"That morning's visit taught me a lesson that I shall never forget, and I shall try my best, this year, to get near my pupils, to learn something of their home lives, their trials and perplexities, their joys and sorrows, and try, as far as I can, to help them."

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There was a moment's pause when Marjorie ceased speaking, and then Julia said, seriously:
"You are right, Marjorie. Such a work is a noble one, and we ought all to keep watch for opportunities to help it on, but there is another side of the social question which has troubled me much of late, and I am trying to do my little best to remedy this evil. It relates to a very different class of society than the one of which you were speaking, however, and perhaps you

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different class of society than the one of which you were speaking, however, and perhaps you will laugh at my anxiety.

"As you know, my school is in Washington, a sixth grade in the northwest part of the city, and my way to school leads me through Iowa Circle, which is surrounded by the residences of wealthy people, and where the colored nursemaids of the neighborhood are in the habit of gathering with their tiny charges. Some of these maids are trustworthy, and devote their entire attention to the children as they play about under the trees; but there are others who wish to gossip with each other, or worse, with a male friend, and who will not be interrupted by running after the children. Frequently I have seen babies lying screaming in their carriages, with the hot sun full in their faces, or an older child forced to sit for an hour on the bench by the nurse while she enjoyed herself. Many a time I have seen such a little one cuffed and shaken by the nurse when it cried to get down and run about, and the language and the threats used to the poor little innocent babies are enough to make one's blood run cold.

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"Finally, one day last spring, after I had seen a high-spirited boy of two years beaten, shaken, sworn at and frightened several times by his unprincipled nurse I could bear it no longer, and ventured to call upon his mother and tell her what I had seen and heard. At first she would not believe me, she had so trusted the girl; but at length she was induced to go herself to the park disguised by a mourning dress and a thick veil, and one hour there convinced her that I had told only the truth and that her boy was being shamefully abused by the nurse. She trembled for fear she had made the discovery too late, and that the boy's mind might be already permanently injured, and she took immediate possession of the child and dismissed the nurse upon the spot.

"I succeeded in that one effort of mine, but think of the thousands of children of the better classes who are thus left to the mercy of ignorant, wicked servants! Surely there should be a school for wealthy mothers to teach them their duty to their habits."

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"Yes, there's no doubt as to the necessity of such a school, Julia, dear; but the thing is to make those mothers see its necessity, or even if they acknowledge it to be willing to sacrifice themselves for their little ones."

"Why, girls," interrupted Mary, "there is the 'Mothers' Congress'; you know that was organized partly for that very purpose, and they say it is doing a good work along the lines for which it is carried on."

"Oh, yes," replied Marjorie, "I had forgotten that; but still, how few, comparatively, of the mothers ever heard of that, or, if they do know of it will take the pains to profit by its advice and teachings."

"I know," answered Julia, "it is a discouraging outlook, but still I am going to try to raise the standard of the nursemaids of Iowa Circle, at least. But it must be half-past nine o'clock, and the chimes will ring in half an hour, and we have yet to hear Mary's story; so I'll stop talking. Go on, Mary," and Mary began:

"It was five years ago last June and I was just twenty years old, when I closed my first year of teaching in Pass Christian, Mississippi, and started for a month's visit to my grandmother in Camden, Arkansas, before going to my home. There was a smallpox scare in Pass Christian just then, so the schools were closed a week earlier than schedule time, and without a day's warning; so I was that much earlier in my visit than I had arranged to be, and arrived very unexpectedly.

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very unexpectedly.
"My grandmother lives in one of those large, "My grandmother lives in one of those large, white, two-storied mansions so common in the South, with the gable projecting over both first and second story porches, and supported by tall white columns. Long wings run out to right and left, which, since my grandfather's death, have been much neglected. I found the house full of company, aunts and cousins, and no room vacant for that night but one in the disused east wing.

"There was no help for it, so I took possession as bravely as I could, locked my door, and surveyed my quarters. An immense room panelled to the ceiling, a great open fireplace, heavy, old-fashioned furniture and the bed a 'four-poster' with dark silken hangings.

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"I hurriedly undressed and tumbled into bed, leaving my candle burning and longing for daylight; but youth and the fatigue of the journey soon overcame my fears, and for an hour or two I slept soundly. Suddenly I sprang up in bed with the feeling that there was some living thing in my room. My candle had burned out, but, although there was nothing standing by it, I had forgotten to look for the matches before I went to sleep and I dared not get up to hunt for them. Soon the thing. get up to hunt for them. Soon the thing, whatever it was, began to move about, and I could hear its feet on the floor and a snapping, snarling, gasping sound as it felt its way along.

Before long it reached the bed, and seizing the silken hangings at the foot tore them down unreasonable. He loved his children, and had

with a growl of rage and began to clamber on the bed, while I slipped softly over the low headboard and crouched behind it, listening in terror to the tearing of the sheets and

headboard and crouched behind it, listening in terror to the tearing of the sheets and counterpane.

"Who or what my unwelcome visitor was I could not conjecture. I dared not cry out; I could not make a light, and so I remained as I was until the creature crawled over the headboard just as I had done, and landed on the floor near me. Then I began to creep softly away, but wherever I went the dreadful thing followed, still snuffling and whining. Round and round the great room we went, I dare not say how many times, until it seemed to me that I could not go another step. I tried, when I reached the door in the first round, to unlock it and get out, entirely forgetting that I had been so foolish, when I locked it at bedtime, as to remove the key and hide it under my pillow. When this fact finally dawned on my bewildered brain I also remembered that I had heard it, when the creature was tearing up the sheets, fly out of the bed and strike against some article of furniture. Under the circumstances I could not, of course, search for it, so I was evidently, to my horror, a prisoner in the room until daylight.

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"At last the creature wearied of its wanderings about the room dropped asleep on the floor; but I dared not stir, and daybreak found floor; but I dared not stir, and daybreak found me still standing with my hands on the wall ready to move on at the slightest motion of the thing towards me. Daylight showed me a great mass of coarse grey hair coiled up on the floor, but this in no wise relieved my terror. However, I managed noiselessly to reach the window, remove the screen, climb out, and, clinging to the windowseat and sills, to close it securely. There I hung or clung until some of the servants discovered and released me; but for three weeks I raved in a brain fever, and it was months before I was myself again. Do you wonder that my hair is white?"

"Indeed I do not; but what was the thing, and how did it come to be there?"

"It was a Barbary ape which had escaped

and how did it come to be there?"

"It was a Barbary ape which had escaped from a travelling show a day or two before. It had evidently clambered down the great chimney and hidden in the fireplace, and its movements about the room were only its efforts to find its way out; but I shudder, even now, to think what might have been my fate had I fallen into his clutches in his enraged state."

"I don't wonder. What an awful experience it was! But we must not let you think of it any more tonight or you will not be able to sleep. Oh! there are the chimes now, ringing for ten o'clock and bedtime. How lovely they sound with the moonlight and the beautiful, dark blue lake. That's 'Auld Lang Syne' that they are playing, and now they have changed they are playing, and now they have changed to 'Home, Sweet Home.' And as the last liquid bell note dropped upon the air the girls rose and with arms about each other's waists went silently down from the veranda and disappeared under the dark, over-arching trees.

A Friend In Need.

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EORGE Kingsley thrust the rake which he was using out beneath the overhanging branches of the alder bushes and drew it back with an angry jerk, as if the wisp of hay which it brought back each time was a personal offender against his rights. Across the field his father raked steadily opposite him. They had begun at the lower end of the big meadow and were raking around it, drawing the hay away from the bushes which grew about the field to where a horse rake could get at it. At the upper end of

the meadow they met.

The farmer bent over and felt of a handful of the last roll of hay which his rake drew in. It rustled in his hand, dry and crisp. He looked out over the big field, shimmering gray-green in the blazing sun of an August afternoon, and

twisting the handle of his rake around in the soft ground into which he had thrust it. He

soft ground into which he had thrust it. He knew he could not go, and yet he could not keep from asking once more.

This was to be such a great game. His own high school nine, at the village only two miles away, were to play the nine from another school; and George had always played first base. Of course there were fellows who could take his place, but this was to be the great game of the year, because Anderson, the famous college player, the idol of half the school boys of New England, the athlete who had broken the records of years and won numberless championships for his college, was coming to umpire the game.

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The boy's father's lips shut together in what one of his neighbors once had called "Kingsley's steel trap."

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"No," he said. "I told you so once. I don't want to hear anything more about it." He stuck his rake up beside the other, and started across the field to where a horse hitched to a horse rake was feeding in the shadow of a clump of water maples.

no dearer object in life than to provide for their welfare in what seemed to him the best possible way. And yet his fellow townsmen said: "Si Kingsley's a hard man on his family." He kept his children in school until they graduated from the high school, but he did not believe in college education, and he did not hesitate to declare that he thought athletics foolish. "Jest let 'em work on a farm," he would say, "if they want to get up muscle." The summer had been a trying one for both father and son. George had graduated from school that year and wanted to go to college. His father not only would not help him, but would not even give him permission to go. The clash between the ball game and this last day's work in haying had called forth from Mr. Kingsley what he had intended for a final decision in the matter.

Two hours later the hay had been tossed into tumbles and they had begun carting it. George loaded the great forkfuls as his father passed them up to him on the cart, and Alma, one of the boy's sisters, rode the horse rake back and forth behind the load to gather up the scatterings. As fast as a load was put on it was driven to the barn and the hay mowed away.

Afterwards, neither George nor his father could tell just how the accident happened. They were going to the barn. The farmer himself was driving. Perhaps he made too short a turn, or else a wheel may have dropped into a hidden rut. George felt the lofty load quiver, and let the beast free. Then he saw that his father was caught beneath the load.

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The farmer's body was hidden by the hay. He lay upon his back, with only his head in sight, and the binding pole across his breast with the weight of a good part of the load upon it. He could not speak, and his purple face and gasping breath showed that his life was being crushed out.

The boy thrust his arms into the hay and tried to drag his father out, but could not. Then he seized hold of the end of the load, and tried to free the helpless man from its weight, but the pole only bent and sank deeper into the hay.

into the hay.

He cried for help again and again, but the cart had stopped in a turn of the road which was out of sight from both house and meadow, was out of sight from both house and meadow, and too far away for any one to hear him. He was down on his knees now, tearing wildly away at the hay. He had forgotten the ball game, college, everything, now, except that the man who was dying there was his father. Something crashed in the bushes beside the road, and a man came leaping through. A young man in knickerbockers and a gorgeous sweater.

sweater.

"What's the matter?" he cried. "Who shouted for help?" and then, in a moment seeing the answer to his own question, said to the boy, "Come here," and ran to the end of the load where the pole stuck out.

"Take hold of the end of that pole," he said, "and lift for all you're worth."

Then, stooping down in front of the boy, to where he could just place his shoulder under the pole, he slowly, slowly straightened upward.

ward.
"Pull him out!" he gasped. "Shout when you've got him!"
George darted around the cart and dragged his father out to the roadside, crying "All right!" as he did so.
The load settled back upon the ground again, and the young man came out from behind it.

and the young man came out from behind it pulling his sweater down into place.

When his neighbors talked the matter over afterwards, they said: "Si Kingsley never'd have give in an' let George go to college in the world, if it hadn't been for that college chap who was goin' cross lots there after the ball game gettin' along jest in season to h'ist that load of hay off'n him. An' if he hadn't come Si pretty likely never 'd have consented nor objected to much of anything more in this world."

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enjoyment. The region in the blazing sun of an August afternoon, and then looked up at the cloudless sky.

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WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

HE summer girl considers her shoes an important item, and very justly so this season, for though the skirts are long, they will be well held up and the shoes very much in evidence. This year are shown a number of fascinating shapes. Shoes for utility are not pointed at all but shaped like a man's shoe, straight on the inside and curved on the outside. This shape carried out in a girl's trim shoe makes her foot look very much smaller, and is quite as good as a pointed shoe and far more comfort a ble.

Very stunning some of these shoes look and one finds one'sself admiring them whether on the pretty foot of a pretty girl or arranged in the shop window.

The very daintiest of all the new shapes in shoes is the Colonial; a low shoe, having a gh, arched heel, or a low flat one

all the new shapes in shoes is the Colonial; a low shoe, having a round toe, a high, arched heel, or a low flat one as one's taste may incline, and two little flaps crossing and buttoning each way over a large, pointed tongue adorned with a large square buckle of gold or silver. This is the very latest cry in shoedom and no up-to-date maiden considers herself properly geared, as to her feet, if she does not possess a pair of Colonial shoes.

Sleeves are marvelously picturesque, exceedingly fanciful, softly drooping, and infinitely graceful, probably in order that they may match or harmonize with the inserts about the hem and the height of the knee, while the fulled skirts are more and more in favor. With this drooping effect the bolero is used in countless variations and is completed by deep collars drooping far below the shoulder. Many of these collars are genuine works of art so far as delicacy of needlework is concerned. A wonderfully dainty affair of this sort has white mousse line de soie for the body and is cut in shawl effect with

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a curve at the
back and one at
either side. There
is a fluffy border
of knife-plaited
mousseline de sole
edged with lace
and attached to edged with lace and attached to the collar by means of a lace stitch topped by a fancy Honiton be adding. The shape of the curves is followed by three rows of delicate Val. lace each outlined by the Honiton beading. No daintier collar No daintier collar

No daintier collar can be imagined. Another style of somewhat greater elegance has an under collar of ceil blue Liberty silk in square sailor shape bordered with a plaited frill of the silk having a plain edge. Over this is the collar proper of white, transparent Liberty silk appliqued profusely with flowers formed from Honiton braid mixed richly with gold. These flowers arranged along the edge give a graceful, broken effect.

I saw a stunning little frock in white wool as



soft and flexible as crepe de chine; it was folded over on each side of the front to outline a panel, had slight puckers reaching toward the back, and was daintily trimmed about the hem, with the exception of the front breadth,

with a number of graduated rows of gray velvet ribbon. The blouse bodice was made up of grayish tinted lace, very much pouched in front and confined closely about the waist by a

front and confined c girdle of gray vel-vet fastened by an antique silver clasp set with rhine-stones. The Bishop sleeves were fin-ished at the wrist, as was the tall choker by rows of bebe velvet ribbon, gray in color and caught together by tiny silver buttons. Simple gowns of white wool are made up with tucked skirt and tucked blouses or boleros sometimes

boleros sometimes bordered with flat bands of the cloth, stitched. Many of the French frocks show such a mix-ture of materials as to really bewilder one and to make it

to really bewilder one and to make it seem an impossible feat to think of copying one. A gown worn at a recent function shows such a glory of rich coloring and such a mystic arrangement of materials as to make one marvel and yet its construction was most simple when one came to direction. The gown was composed of coarse black net, and had two graduated flounces on the skirt decorated with applique creton flowers in a perfect frenzy of color, largely pinks, greens and pale mauves, the edge of the hem cut out to conform to the shape of the flower. A little bolero of the net bearing the creton decorations fastened on one shoulder with a gorgeous jeweled buckle, while a deep girdle of pale green Liberty satin was crushed about the waist.

Elbow sleeves are certainly very much in favor and wonderfully becoming to a prettily rounded arm. To be sure they necessitate the wearing of the long glove but what is more graceful? I saw a bit of daintiness in the shape of a bodice designed to be worn with a skirt of tucked white crepe de chine but which could be made to do excellent service worn with a skirt of any pretty color or with one of black net; the under slip of this waist was a well-fitted one of white taffeta covered with white mousseline de soie set in clusters of small tucks intersected with inch-wide straps of white taffeta stitched along the edges and ornamented with hand embroidery all in white. A narrow yoke is formed by the application of taffeta bands set together by a fancy lace stitch, the bands decorated with French knots. Bands narrow yoke is formed by the application of taffeta bands set together by a fancy lace stitch, the bands decorated with French knots. Bands of taffeta form a girdle to the depth of several inches. The choker consists of several straps of the taffeta set together like the yoke. This dainty dream of a blouse may be worn over a slip of any color with good effect and would look especially charming over a body of brocade in white; the floral decorations are a dull pink.

ranks, Lace stock collars entirely unlined are very natty and are combined with every possible sort of gown. They are made without lining of any sort save for the clouding of chiffon or net, and cleverly boned to keep in place.

Polka dots are used in profusion in all the new materials. I saw a smart toilette in black and white, the material being black berege polka dotted with white and trimmed elaborately with row upon row of white velvet ribbon on the two circular flounces of the skirt. The bodice was composed entirely of the tucked berege set together by bands of the velvet ribbon, the ends falling below the belt, which consists of white velvet brought snugly around the waist, one end crossed at the back and fastened to the bodice in quite a new and most fetching way.

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Buttons are used lavishly upon the newest gowns, among the most popular being those of black satin, very small and having eyelets in the center.

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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS:

June is with us once more—dear, delight-ful, beautiful June—with all her witcheries of earth and air and sky; and she beguiles us, in spite of our stern resolves not to be lured from the well-trodden and monotonous path of daily duties, to lose ourselves in the delights of the old but ever new miracle-the awakening of nature. It may be a yellow dandelion by the roadside, it may be a little hooded fern, or it

"A noise like of a hidden brook In the leafy month of June, That to the sleeping woods all night Singeth a quiet tune."

But be it what it may it woos us, charms us, and withal, refreshes us so that we feel, as we take up our burdens once more, that life is worth the living, that we have blessings all about us if we will only see them, and that our Heavenly Father cares for the pleasure and happiness of his children as well as for their right or wrong doing.

Blessed be June!

Our first letter this month is a continuation of one which we enjoyed a few months ago, which took us up the Saguenay river to the little village of Tadoussac. Our correspondent says:

of Tadoussac. Our correspondent says:

"The next morning found us a long distance up the river at Ha-Ha Bay. Here we were obliged to wait for the tide, so our little party of three set out at the early hour of half-past five on a voyage of discovery. An old Frenchman agreed to drive us through the two villages, St. Alphonse and St. Alexis, which lie along the curve of the bay, and we embarked in his ramshackle, one-horse conveyance. He could not speak a word of English, but as two of our party understood French we got along very comfortably together. He had a fine old face, kindly, with a humorous twinkle in his brown eyes, and he seemed to regard everything in the light of a joke, even the serious catastrophe of almost overturning us in the mud



CAPE TRINITY.

"The morning betokened rain, but the sun was struggling through masses of purple clouds, tinging the circling mountains with a misty blue, and sending long streaks of red and amethyst light across the gleaming waters of the bay, where one boat rested with its white sails outspread. The villages themselves were not particularly interesting except for their quaint, almost primitive simplicity.

ing except for their quaint, almost primitive simplicity.

"Our next stopping place was Chicoutimi, which is as far up the river as the boat goes. The only thing of special interest there was the Cathedral. We remained about an hour and then the steamer turned her course and began the descent of the Baguenay, the mighty, fathomiess river which has been called by some the River of Death, or the American Styx. Rugged mountains, covered with a sparse growth of pines, rise straight from the water's edge. It is said that in some parts no fish inhabit the waters nor winged creature the air.

"The steamer moved slowly, giving us time to enjoy the scenery, and at last stopped before Cape Trinity, a gigantic rock rising eighteen hundred feet below. As we approached it rose before us in three steps. On the first ledge was a figure of the Virgin thirty-two feet in height, and yet appearing only life size. The next step, six hundred feet

higher, was surmounted by a cross. As we rounded the cape it presented another view, for here it towered in all its fearful majesty, sheer up from the water's edge, its top rounded to form three columns, from which it takes its name.

"Cape Eternity, almost as tall, shuts us in just beyond, and the two form a cove or bay. A feeling of almost oppressive awe comes over you as you gaze up at these battlements of nature, which probably no human foot has ever scaled. The pine trees look like a fringe of coarse grass on their brows and a vague dread steals over you lest the whole mass of rock might topple over and crush the steamer, which looks like a mere atom at its base. At one point you can trace a profile on the rocks, the strong, intelligent face of a man with the head thrown back as though reclining. The features are strongly marked and even the eyebrows and beard are defined by pine trees. In some places there are deep crevices where the rocks have cracked in the cold, and down these mountain torrents fall like silver threads suspended from the summit of the cliff to the water.

"Just before leaving the steamer gave several shrill whistles, which reverberated again and again among the mountains. For a long distance the banks continued to be a series of lofty mountains, rising peak after peak, and the river is so devious in its course that sometimes we seemed to be completely shut in, as though we were sailing on a lake.

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"Just as daylight was fading, however, we again reached Tadoussac, and crossed the line which marks so distinctly the confluence of the two rivers. The stars came out, the flush died away in the western sky, the Saguenay, for us, was a thing of the past and we were steaming up the St. Lawrence toward the grey-walled town of old Quebec."

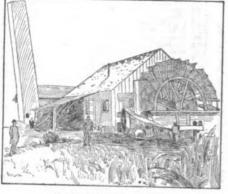
GENEVIEVE FLEMING, Washington, D. C.

A few months ago, also, we had a letter on the making of beet sugar in Virginia. Today I have

making of beet sugar in Virginia. Today I have one for you on the making of sugar from cane in

Louisiana.

"I am sure a great many of our Northern cousins would like to hear how sugar is made way down south, in Louisiana. The stalks of cane are stripped of all their leaves just as they get ripe, then are cut down and shocked up. In a few days the cane is carried to the sugar housefrom all over the plantation in little mule cars run on tram tracks. There it is thrown into an immense hopper that gradually drops the stalks between two large rollers which crush the juice out and leave the stalks perfectly dry and useless. The juice is carried by machinery into a square vat or kettle. There it begins to boil. As it reaches a certain



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stage it is transferred to another kettle simply by turning a crank, and continues to be changed from pot to pot until it gets thick enough to almost cut with a knife. Then it is ready to be carried through a rolling process that seems to fairly wring all moisture out of it. The damp brown sugar comes pouring down a funnel right on the floor in the 'sugar room,' where it is hoed and shoveled up like so much dirt. Then it is either put into sacks and shipped as a cheap grade of sugar, or carried into the refinery near at hand and put into the large, circular, porcelain-lined, centrifugal kettles one after another, and whirled around at a terrific rate and steamed until it comes out the lovely white sugar you see on your table. When it is half syrup and half sugar it is called 'pollies', and is said by many to be better than either sugar or syrup. All Louisianians are particularly fond of it. But it is of purely local value ast will not keep in this shape, and is not put on the market at all. We have to send to the refinery to get it."

MARY EDMUNDSON BRITTON, Lehmann, La.

I thank James C. Brown, of Farmer's Creek,

I thank James C. Brown, of Farmer's Creek Michigan, for his letter, and hope he will write again when he has time.

Mrs. F. C. Graves sends me a letter on raising oranges in California, which has been crowded out, but for which I thank her.

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Now let us make another summer trip. This time across the ocean to the vaterland.

"Perhaps you would be pleased to hear about the trip which I have made to a place held dear in memory by my parents as their birthplace. It is a little island called Fehmarn situated in the East or Baltic Sea, in the eleventh degree of longitude east from Greenwich and between the fifty-fourth and the fifty-fifth degrees of north latitude.

"Fehmarn now belongs to Germany, but prior to 1871 it was under Danish dominion. In area it cannot compete with any one of our great American cities, but it has a very healthy climate and is comparatively well populated. Besides the city of which it can boast there are as many as twenty-five towns and villages.

"The main industry and occupation of the inhabitants is that of farming. In this they are thorough. The soil is very fertile, and wheat, rye, oats and barley yield abundantly. Unlike to what Americans are accustomed, the farmers there dwell in towns, their farmland lying, sometimes, at a considerable distance. In the summer time cows, horses and sheep are tethered in the fields. They are cared for from five to six times daily, and with unfailing regularity. Milking is done mostly by women. An able-bodied, self-respecting man will generally shun it. In fact, few men know how to milk. A milk wagon, a truck not unlike a brewery wagon, from the sides of which are suspended wooden buckets, their bottoms wider than their tops, their insides painted a spotless white while the outside color is a bright green offset by bands of black, is a sight well worthy of a photographer's consideration, especially when the driver's seat is filled by a merry maid wearing a large white apron and an old-fashioned sunbonnet.

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working people, so much so that they have lost all respect for Sunday. An ordinance prohibiting manual labor on Sundays, especially during the hours of Divine services, has been in effect for years, but is not heeded except through fear of the watchful eyes of the police who are ever eager to make arrests."

GERTRUDE LAFRENTZ, Chicago, Ill.

Here is an interesting letter from Colorado. But indeed, I think Colorado cannot help sending us

indeed, I think Colorado cannot help sending us interesting letters it is such a wonderful state.

"In the pioneer days of Colorado gold was the main object of the settler. While standing on the eastern slope of the Rockies and looking eastward over vast, barren plains which he had crossed so laboriously, he little dreamed that the time would come when they would be teeming with farms, orchards and populous towns. Following him came the cattleman who found these plains to be excellent pasture lands, and he turned out upon them vast herds of cattle which increased and multiplied. He paid not a cent for the privilege of grazing his herds of cattle upon the public domains, and they were left to shift for themselves after being branded. Many of the cattlemen took up homesteads on the streams that flow down the mountain ranges and through the plains, and are bordered by bottom lands watered by the spring overflow and underflow from the beds of the streams. These men raised vegetables which they hauled to the mining camps and sold for high prices. After a while they dug irrigation ditches in a smail way, so that soon all the bottom lands were under cultivation. Wheat was raised in large quantities and ground into flour by mills located on the streams, and this brought high prices at the mining camps. "Still the great plains, comprising an area of nearly forty thousand square miles, remained in their natural state. The spring rains covered them with grass and with flowers of rare beauty. Experiments proved that the soil of the plains could be made productive by the aid of irrigation, and straightway the construction of extensive irrigation systems began; so to-day there are more than nine thousand miles of main ditches in the state, and over two million acres of land under cultivation systems began; so to-day there are more than nine thousand miles of main ditches in the state, and over two million acres of land under cultivation. This development of agriculture has been made possible by the great snowfall in the moun

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"There are few more interesting short trips awheel than a spin from Kingston, Massachusetts, to Plymouth. Leaving Kingston you ascend a long hill. On either side of the ascent there are fine houses surrounded by well laid out grounds. On the right a number of noble elms line the roadway, while on the left is an evergreen hedge which curves gracefully inward toward the gateways which are placed back several feet. At the top of the hill Plymouth Bay lies before you. On the left, across the bay toward Duxbury, is the monument to Myles Standish, sharply outlined against the sky. Farther on is the double lighthouse called the Twin Lights, and near by is Clark's Island on which the Pilgrims spent their first Sabbath in this country. The long sand bars, one of them over nine miles in length, add much to the beauty of the scene, and keep out the big waves which would otherwise often interfere with sailboats in the bay. In the dim distance can be seen Cape Cod, reaching out into the ocean like a gigantic finger. Toward the right is a bold headland upon which forest trees grow in abundance almost down to the water's edge.
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ward the right is a bold headland upon which forest trees grow in abundance almost down to the water's edge.

"Pedalling along you pass a very large ash tree, whose low, wide-spreading branches reach out protectingly over the walk. This tree is known among the young people as the 'kissing tree.' The tall chimneys of the Plymouth Cordage Co., the tallest one of which measures two hundred and twenty feet, next claim attention. Near the railroad, just hefore and anters the village of Plymouth is one of the best springs of water in New England. The water flows with the same volume and at the same temperature the year round, being undisturbed by either the heats or rains of summer or the storms and severe cold of winter.

"A little further on, up the hill to the right, is the monument erected by the Government to the Pilgrim Fathers. It is the finest granite monument in the world. The next place of interest is Pilgrim Hall. Here are to be seen famous paintings of Pilgrim scenes and relies of Pilgrim days, many of which were brought over in the Mayflower. The old cemetery should next be visited, where are weather-beaten and moss-covered tombstones, with quaint epitaphs in old style spelling. Near the center of the town is the oldest street in New England. On one side is a row of linden trees which were planted by some of the early settlers. At the upper end of the street is a house which was built in 1730. Many were the war councils held within its walls during the Revolution. Near the foot of this street is that famous rock which has been poetically called 'the corner stone of a nation'. Over it has been erected a marble canopy at a cost of \$30,000. Plymouth Rock is now visited by thousands of tourists every year.

"Continuing southward we come in sight of the oldest house in the state if not in New England.



and numerous churches. Many of the state buildings are located here—the hospital for the insane, the penitentiary, the reform school, the school for the blind and that for the deaf and dumb and the United States Indian training school. The state fair is also held here annually on the extensive fair grounds a short distance from the city.

"Salem is an educational center, pupils coming here from all parts of the northwest. The oldest institution of learning here is the Willamette university, founded by the Methodist missionaries in 1840. The city has fine water power, as is evidenced by its many woolen, flour, and saw mills, and various other industries, whose machinery is all moved by water power.

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"Salem is surrounded by a fine farming country, the Willamette valley being adapted to the culture of fruit, flax and hops. The average hop crop requires from eighteen to twenty thousand pickers to harvest it; they commence about the first of September and continue picking for three weeks. It is an amusing sight to see the pickers start for the fields; the entire family, from the baby to the grandmother, are loaded upon hayracks together with their camping outfit, and the cow, if they are so fortunate as to own one, is tied behind.

"The climate of Salem, like that of the greater part of Oregon, is pleasing and diversified, being a pleasant mixture of sunshine and rain. She prides herself in her beautiful flowers and glories in her grand and lofty mountains, several of which are visible on a clear day in Salem. A favorite outing for Oregonians is a trip to one of these mountains and an attempt to scale its precipitous sides, and inscribe their names in a book kept at the summit for that purpose."

MABEL E. JAMES, Salem, Oregon.

I must also thank William O. Penney, of Jack-

I must also thank William O. Penney, of Jackson, Missouri, for his letter on "A Turkey Drive." I hope he will not be discouraged because I could not use it, but will try me again.

H. Jones will have to pardon me for not using his letter, which reached me too late to serve the purpose for which he intended it.

And now we must say goodby for a month.

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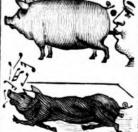
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About this time even the pastors begin to think of the wisdom contained in the words "sermons in running brooks."

When the "poor ask for bread" nowadays the millionaires give them libraries and picture galleries. It's the soul that lives anyway, so

When Uncle Sam says his letter carriers may wear shirt waists Mrs. Grundy must succumb. The shirt waist has arrived in spite of the frowns of last summer.

Given an active fancy, a guide-book, a week of leisure to get the result-either of disillusion or entire happiness, all depending upon the who mives the ingradients of the vaca-

The shortest road to happiness is to skip all the articles of diet, food, and how to keep cool. Don't spend all your time in a mental struggle over the method of doing the stunts the papers propose. The way to accomplish something in these lines is to do nothing.

We count our progress by certain outward and visible signs. Time was when one elephant made a circus; now even the most unsophisticated town demands a herd of elephants. The city has no interest even in the herd of elephants unless they are able to do all sorts of stunts, from waltzing to playing dead. The national horizon has enlarged and the circus has been obliged to offer three rings, and every thing else in proportion. As the poor little Japanese remarked, "Everything beeg-in this your United State."

College statistics show a steady increase in the number of graduates. The ratio of college bred men and women to the entire population is steadily increasing. Thousands of earnest young men and women will count June 1901 as one of the milestones of life. All school life is in a large measure artificial. We are born, we die, we marry, but we do not all graduate from some one of the higher institutions of learning. The transition from school into the actual business and social life of the world is the greatest that can be made. The longer the period of study has extended the greater is the less corruptions of pure English. The persisseparation from practical affairs. The work of tent reader of dialect stories has his eye and ear the schools is a preparation for life, but it is a preparation that temporarily unfits the recipient. The speed with which he recovers himself after the plunge and adjusts himself to new conditions, is an unfailing index of the value of the preparation. College training is a means, not an end. Regarded by that standard the familiar word "commencement" takes on a new meaning.

zen has offered two prizes of \$50 and \$100 for the best kept school grounds. Walks, trees, flowers and shrubs are to be considered in awarding the prize. A photograph of the grounds is to be sent with some official data. The general observance of Arbor Day led to this idea, and it is one well worthy of adoption

The phenomenal increase of trolley lines has developed a new sort of personally conducted tour that promises to become popular. A great number of points of interest in our cities can be seen from a street car. Many people dislike to make themselves conspicuous as sight-seers by driving in open carriages while an ignorant Jehu flourishes his whip and imparts a mass of misinformation at the top of his lungs. Washington has originated a scheme of sight-seeing that is being copied in many other cities. At regular scheduled times a car especially built for observation leaves certain points. A nominal sum is charged for the round trip. Each car has a well-informed guide in attendance who gives a rapid, accurate and amusing account of all points of interest. History, gossip, statistics and narration add an interest to the trip. It enables one to get a good general idea of the points of interest. It saves time, money and trouble and this recommends it to the average American who is in as much of a hurry over his pleasure as he is over his business. Now that a railroad is to reach Jerusalem we may anticipate a personally conducted trolley trip through the Holy City as one of the possibilities of the century.

A new method of advertising books will have to be devised if Boston continues to exercise its literary censorship with such a Carrie-Na-tion-like lack of discrimination. It is not so tion-like lack of discrimination. It is not so long ago that the fact that a book or play had been condemned was enough to insure its financial success. Every one wished to judge for himself wherein the offences lay. The committee of the Boston Public Library will soon described the successful discrete that he was all the second that the second the second that the troy all the possible advertising that lay in a books being rejected by the censors. Out of thirty-two books that had been selected for reriew by one of the most conservative of papers. Boston rejected twelve as being unfit for a place in its public library. And the list of authors that this included! The best known authors that this included! The best known names in American contemporary fiction—authors whose reputation was so firmly established that they did not need the possible advertising that a less wholesale Index Expurgatorius might have furnished. Upon what have these critics fed that they have grown so dyspeptic? Even the Body of Laws of Massachusetts or the Blue Laws of Connecticut could hardly have set such a standard as these Boston critics. "I am nothing if not critical" says the old quotation, and by its standard the Boston committee must call itself "nothing". Criticism is not wholesale denunciation. Criticism is not wholesale denunciation.

1901 is the one thousandth anniversary of the death of Alfred the Great. In 1849 the thousandth anniversary of his birth was celebrated at Wantage, England. Among the best books of Alfred. His military fame is based upon his success with the Danes. He made a treaty with them and by giving them a definite portion of northern England put an end to the long wars. Alfred established a navy, brought scholars from Europe to England and made the earliest translations of Latin books into English. His embassies penetrated even to India. As a scholar, a warrior and a statesman he left a lasting result in England. As an example of versatility in the strenuous life, Alfred stands without a peer in the long line of England's monarchs. It is not what he did however but what he was that forces this busy modern world to step aside for a moment to remember a man who has been dead a thousand years. No trace of what he did remains but what he was in 901, he is in 1901—a character grand in its strength, simplicity and sincerity. "What is excellent as God lives is permanent" says our own Emerson and it is this fact that makes the anniversary exercises of 1901 interesting to all of the English speaking race. 1901 is the one thousandth anniversary of the

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery but there is more than this behind the fact that a successful book is followed by twenty others along the same line. It is the business instinct of writers and publishers that seizes the evidence of the public's interest and proceeds to work the vein until the discriminating reader is surfeited and nauseated. The historical novel has almost exhausted the field of early American history. It is doubtful if any of the popular books in this field of fiction will be read fifty years from now. Sir Walter Scott first developed the historical novel and today Ivanhoe cannot be equalled as a historical novel but it is not widely read now. The dialect stories have made the localisms of town and county and state familiar to all readers. Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattent reader of dialect stories has his eye and ear so perverted that he ceases to speak good English. "Love letters" both real and imaginary seemed to please the public and forthwith more love letters were printed than all the real lovers of the world ever penned. Kipling's Jungle Book, "Brer Rabbit" and Thompson's "Wild Animals I Have Known", opened the way for more "animals" than ever went into Noah's Ark. Modern literature illustrates the old theory of the flock of sheep that follow one another over the fence. Art is not imitative but business is. but business is.

The little old red schoolhouse of early days is fast becoming a mere memory. If land was good for nothing else it was good enough for a school site. Our ancestors were earnest enough in the desire to furnish educational opportunities and noble men and women were the products of the little one-story log or frame buildings. The three "R's" were thoroughly taught and along with them a development of character along the same lines of rugged strength and simplicity. Mere beauty was little regarded in the homes and far less in the schools. What a different picture the rural school of today presents. Every effort is made to beautify the surroundings, for the modern educator realizes

that all this makes for culture. New York state pays particular attention to the grounds of its country schools. A public spirited cition best authors range in chronological order from the state of the schools of the school of the schoo best authors range in chronological order from Homer to Tennyson. Poetry, philosophy, essays and fiction are included in the list. To the summer reader who would prefer to read the novels of power rather than mere time-killers, the list furnishes some suggestions. Arabian Nights may be read. Among the authors of fiction are Bunyan, Cervantes, Dickens, Dumas, George Elfot, Goldsmith, Hawthorne, Hugo, Scott, and Thackeray. Their works are included either in whole or part. The list suggests the well-known books or the best-known books of each author, Pilgrim's Progress, Don Quixote, Tale of Two Cities, Three Musketeers, Adam Bede, Vicar of Wakefield, Scarlet Letter, Les Miserables, Ivanhoe and Vanity Fair. The list of novels is long enough so that at least one might be included in the mass of reading that the summer reader does. does.

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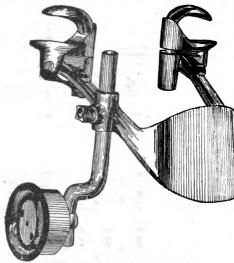
One of the bottest regions of the earth is along the Persian Gulf, where little or no rain falls. At Bahrin the arid shore has no fresh water, yet a comparatively numerous population contrives to live there, thanks to copious springs which burst forth from the bottom of the sea. The fresh water is procured by diving.



BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

HATEVER people may say, interest in the bicycle is as great as ever this summer and more people are riding wheels than in any previous season. Improvements, however, are not as radical as they were a few years ago. The changes were generally in the use of either larger or smaller gauge tubing, lower drop, or change in position or rake of fork. In several instances the motor cycle and motor carriage are in close following to the bicycle—an indication, perhaps, of what one may expect in the near future, when these machines will very likely be found wherever the bicycle is for sale. It seems that the 'bike' has gone to the far east. The first consignment of safety bicycles was brought to Bangkok by Dr. P. T. Carrington, an American dentist, in 1896, writes United States. Previous to that time, one or two of these wheels had been imported for private use. There are now in this city between twenty-five hundred and three thousand bicycles. They are to be seen in all parts of the city and are used by all classes. The King of Siam rides an American bicycle of the latest and most improved model, and it is by no means an uncommon thing to see the ministers of the government coming and going to their duties, and even to public functions, on their wheels.

The minister of the interior has systematically encouraged the use of the wheel, believing that its employment will lead to better roads in the city and in the country towns. He is at the head of a large bicycle club that numbers upwards of four hundred members. Among the members are many of the princes and government officials, and in the favorable seasons of the year this club indulges in long runs to the remote parts of the city. These runs are generally held during the cooler portion of the night and wind up in a banquet well towards morning. The crowning endeavor of this club was a grand bicycle pageant, given some months ago in the presence of the king and queen of Siam, and participated in by nearly every prince of the country. The entire affair was a great succes



THE BEST AUTOMATIC BRAKE.

China the "foreign devil" who goes out on a machine is no longer liable to be stoned to death by an infuriated mob or hauled before the local Taotia on a charge of offending the gods with his blasphemous inventions. At least one Englishman has ridden right across the Celestial Kingdom without coming to any harm, and Chinese gentlemen have been known to convert their voluminous skirts into "rationals" and themselves bestride the steed of steel. A demand, it appears from a consular report, is springing up for French bicycles among the Hovas of Madagascar, and in many parts of the Dark Continent, from Tangier to the Cape, the untutored African is a keen and diligent cyclist. Even in the Ottoman Empire the vehicle has made some headway. The advanced young Turk, who reads French novels, drinks absinthe and plays billiards, bicycles as becomes a lover of progress, and skims along, not unimpressive, in tweed knickerbockers, black frock coat and red fez.

Stamboul poured out its motly multitude to see the show. Mussulman and Christian, Greek Jew and Armenian paid their entrance fee and forgot for a space their secular differences as they beheld the competitors fly past. Three times was Pera's Sabbath illumined by this entertainment. The cyclists scorched; the multitude said "bravo!" or "Bismillah!" according to its nationality; and the proprietor of the Palace Hotel secured legitimate gate money. But he had reckoned without the vigilance of the Porte and the fears of the Sultan.

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Crowds are not welcome in the neighborhood of the padishah's sacred person. When a number of people are gathered together it becomes a riot, and they make it easier for the caliph's loyal subjects to conspire together, and perhaps to arrange attempts against their sovereign's life. This feeling on the part of the Turkish authorities has acquired fresh energy since the murder of King Humbert, so that they are now living in a fever of suspicion lest some Anarchist or Armenian plot should be attempted against the life of Abdul Hamid. So even the bicycle races were vetoed, and when the fourth Sunday came round there was no "fixture," the meeting having been forbidden by the police.

An automobile on runners would seem to be a queer thing, but one was tried successfully in Massachusetts last winter. The tires of the front wheels of the locomobile were removed, and runners about five feet long were fitted to the rims of the wheels. The rar wheels, giv-

front wheels of the locomobile were removed, and runners about five feet long were fitted to the rims of the wheels. The rear wheels, giving the motive power, were without runners and revolved as on bare ground, but in the track made by the runners in the snow. It was found that the rig was as easy to steer as when four wheels were used, and it is thought that better speed can be made over a snow surface than with wheels. So that next winter we may see them in common use.

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An automobile expert, who has recently returned from a tour through Europe, made with the idea of determining the situation in foreign countries, states that the Americanbuilt machines are taking the first rank in England, just as ten or fifteen years ago all American buggies compelled German coach builders to import from the United States until they had time to manufacture carriages after our models. In England most of the machines are gasoline motors imported from France, and are said to be noisy and evil smelling, with more mechanism than a Swiss watch, while electric vehicles are unknown, excepting only those of American make.

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The ladies have taken to it also. It has been introduced into the best harems, and no really indulgent pacha, who has a sufficiently secluded garden, would deny his wives and daughters the amusement. Such being the case, the proprietor of the Pera Palace Hotel, having taken a lease of the Municipal Gardens, was justified in concluding that a series of Sunday bicycle races would attract the public. The contests were held, three of them, and

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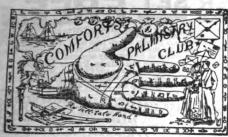


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NCHOR E" whose hands were read here

several years ago asks the following ques-tions which will interest you all. "I find in Cheiro's 'Language of the "I find in Cheiro's 'Language of the Hand,' a mark, which he calls the Tripod, but which should, from Webster's definition, be called the Trident, and which is the sign of Neptune. Now can you tell me what this sign indicates? I find it in my own right hand, as a termination of the Fate line on Mt. Saturn. In a friend's left hand, I see it terminating the Fate line where it intersects the Heart line. Can you tell me what these positions of this sign would indicate?" The mark spoken of is called a tripod by all palmists. Prof. Hagert says it has no meaning at all, and Heron-Allen does not even refer to it anywhere in his book. The ancients did not recognize it and I have yet to discover that it is of any importance.

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"I've found two new signs in my right hand—by new, I mean that I never until lately saw them, perhaps I ought to say three instead of two. I've always had a distinct triangle on Jupiter in both hands.

"Lately the one in the right hand has changed, so that two corners of the triangle are stars, and in the left, the triangle is double, like this and then a deep line from Venus runs up to the base of finger of Jupiter and cuts through both. Also in the right, a perfect star, distinct and separate from lines, has recently appeared on the outer edge of Mt. Jupiter, just below base of finger and almost touching the star at upper corner of triangle, but a fine horizontal line is between. Besides, on the percussion of the right about one third the way below heart, I find a new mark like a square. It is very faint yet, of very fine lines. I am more than ever interested in this delightfully fascinating and wonderful science." The star on the Mount of Jupiter is a very lucky sign. A woman who has this sign is pretty sure to make a distinguished and fortunate marriage. The recent appearance of these lines would indicate that such a marriage is in the near future; or if the subject is already married, then some great honor or gratified ambition is soon to reach subject is already married, then some great honor or gratified ambition is soon to reach her. I should not attach much meaning to the

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honor or gratified ambition is soon to reach her. I should not attach much meaning to the new square as yet.

"One other question—is it usual for men to have fewer lines than women? I have found it so. The hands of men, so far as I have observed, are usually much less wrinkled than are those of women."

This is true. Many fine lines are the outcome of a nervous temperament and this, I think, accounts for the fact that women's hands are much more interlined than men's.

She also asks: "Is there some fellow member of the club who would like to correspond with me regarding this study? I have just sent for the course published by "T he Alumbia Scientific Acade my," New York City, and intend to continue this work. I published a little book last year on the subject en titled

nom de plume of Anchor English, published by Fred Schwartz, Pub. Co., Phil., Pa." Letters sent to her, care of these publishers would reach this palmistry club-member.

"Ozella L." sends me some good impressions on smoked paper for this month. She has the hand of a nervous, affectionate and artistic type. It is somewhat hollow, which of course, always means trouble. Her life line is well separated from the head line at the start, showing that she is a person of good courage and good ideas with energy and perseverance enough to carry them out. She is a person of great ambition and will succeed to a degree, although all of her ambitions will not be satisfied. She had an early love affair, which

caused her a great deal of worry, but which I think did not amount to a marriage. She will marry at about the age of thirty and a new love will come into her life at forty-five. She is very attractive to men and will receive a great deal of attention throughout her life, but will not marry the man she loves best until she is forty-five or perhaps a little more. A superficial reader would say that her life line is very short, but it looks to me as if her life from the time of this latest and real love would take a new turn from that time henceforth, and that new turn from that time henceforth, and that she will travel a great deal from that time on and even in foreign countries, living to be quite an old woman. I think she will see a great deal of life at cross-purposes between the ages of twenty and forty-five, after which she will see a great deal of the world in an entirely new sphere and enjoy herself very much. She may expect to travel a great deal all her life, as both expect to travel a great deal all her life, as both her natural disposition and her outward circumstances will lead her that way. She is of a nervous type, as I said before, and does not take things so philosophically as she ought. This will lead her, if she is not careful, into a habit of worrying over matters which she cannot control and give her many bad headaches. It is necessary for her to cultivate calmness and patience and get good control over herself. She is easily influenced by others, and has a pliant yielding nature. Much the better part of her life will come after the age of forty and she should be very patient and hopeful until then. The early love affair of which I speak, will cause her a great deal of trouble and some sorcause her a great deal of trouble and some sorrow, but she needs to obtain full control over herself so that she need not worry over what she cannot help but look forward to a better time coming by-and-by.

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"The hand tells the number of these interests.

"The hand tells the number of these interests, and which party broke the tie or spiritual union, if broken; and often the nature of the relationship, whether sincere, pleasant or welcome to the party in whose hand you find the record; whether it was a morous or discordant; whether it was a holy or noble purpose." Then he shows by engraved plates the marriage lines as they should appear under the different circumstances enumerated; whether they do so appear is a matter for each one to decide for himself after a study of his own hands and the palms of those friends and relations whose "The hand tells the number of these interests palms of those friends and relations whose matrimonial history he already knows something about.

The Blue Grotto.

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A TEN YEARS' TEST.

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WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HE newest idea for HE newest idea for engaged girls is the wedding chest, and even girls who are not engaged are the secret possessors of this sentimental, and

this sentimental, and at the same time sensible, article. The wedding chest may be a trunk, a fine new trunk of the latest style, or it may be a fine cedar chest, or of carved wood, all beautifully ornamented, or it may be a plain wooden affair prettily covered and lined with flowered chintz. Some of the handsome chests are lined with quilted and scented sat-

the handsome chests are lined with quilted and scented satin, but sachet bags can be put in any of them for that matter.

The idea is to fill the chest with pretty things to wear or for the furnishing and decoration of a home. One girl is filling hers with dainty lingerie, which she is making herself; another is buying things from time to time, and filling her chest with them. Not alone things to wear, such as gloves, lingerie and dainty hosiery, but pieces of lace, tapestry squares for covering sofa pillows, and handsome table covers.

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Another girl is making a fine collection of table linen—napkins, doilies, centerpieces and so on. She already has a number of beautiful pieces of linen and lace, some hemstitched, some embroidered and some with elaborate drawnwork. Pretty lists of china and bric-a-brae go into the chest of another girl, while still another is making a collection of after dinner coffee cups and tiny spoons.

Thus the girls are slowly collecting pretty things and saving them for use in their new homes. As a rule their friends know of the chests and take pleasure in helping fill them, although some of the girls like to feel that everything was bought with their own money, and selected by their own taste. Viewed in any light the idea is a pretty one and full of charming and sensible sentiment.

There is a little light cape for the baby that can be bought in the shops or made at home with the least possible amount of trouble. It is made of a single square of cashmere or fine flannel, which is made into the little cape, shawl-shaped. One point is in the back, the other two coming around in front, while the fourth is gathered up on the top of the baby's head, the point trimmed round and finished with a rosette of baby ribbon. Gather it in at the neck, and there is a little cape and hood, and a pretty one. The little garment is finished inside with a square of silk fitted to the cashmere, and the cape may be finished on the edge with a tiny scallop of embroidery or the lining simply blind-stitched to the edge of the cashmere, which is turned in.

American housewives are now adopting an old English idea that Parisiennes adopted a few seasons ago. It is the ruffled pillow case, with the initial hand embroidered in one corner. Our women have never used these cases before this season, but they seem to have crossed the Atlantic to stay, and who knows but what the "sweet scented lavender" th

follow.

An enthusiastic gardener has discovered a



THE GIBSON GIRL.

new way to start her flower seeds. The idea comes originally from a farmer's wife and has had plenty of practical demonstration.

"The very best way to start annuals early," she says, "is to take a dozen large potatoes, cut them in two lengthwise, and with a spoon scoop out the inside, leaving only enough to TREE Catalogue Millinery, Corsets, Shoes, Gloves, etc.

hold the rind firmly. There is no waste in this, for you can use the potatoes you know, for the table," says this thrifty housewife.
"When you have them all scooped out, fill the shells with very fine soil. Then sow your seeds according to directions, and stick a tag with its name on each potato with a pin. The potatoes should be kept in plates with a little water in them. Place your seeds on a table in front of a sunny window in a warm room. For a day or two keep them covered with a wet

front of a sunny window in a warm room. For a day or two keep them covered with a wet square of muslin. After that keep the wet muslin on them only at night, and if they look dry spray them with an atomizer.

"You will be surprised to see how quickly they will come up. Leave them in the potatoes until they are quite strong, then transplant to boxes or pots, or, if it is late enough, to the open border. I think there is some virtue in the potato itself, or perhaps it is only because

open border. I think there is some virtue in the potato itself, or perhaps it is only because the rind keeps the earth moist, but I have found seeds come up more quickly and are stronger in that way than in any other."

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The cat is cut out of black sand-paper and smoothly pasted onto a white card. Then a collar of white, white eyes, nose and mouth and black whiskers are painted on in water color, and a ribbon tied at the top for a hanger.

The Gibson girl is not so easily made, but if one has not artistic ability sufficient to draw and paint this girl's head and shoulders and foot, one can be cut out of a copy of Life, or other magazine or paper with a good-looking

other magazine or paper with a good-looking girl in it. Paste the girl so cut smoothly onto a card, and over the skirt paste a piece of black



OLD TOM.

sand-paper cut to fit. Then color the waist a brilliant red, with hat band to match, leaving the tie and stock white. These are easy things for the children to

These are easy things for the children to make,—in fact this cat illustration was made from a scratcher made by a child of eight. One idea will lead to another, and many pleasing pictures may be made by a child with bright ideas,—and as these scratchers are appropriate gifts for both sexes and all ages, a child could do a dozen or two and present to her little and big friends at Christmas time.

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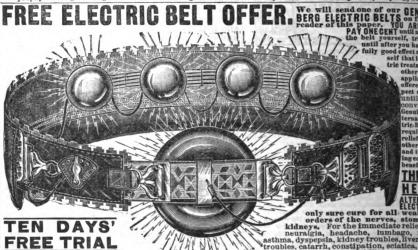


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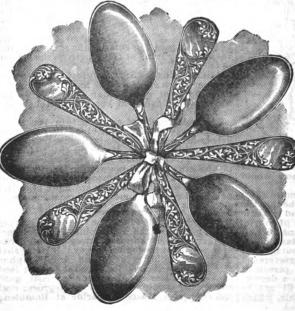
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E are reminded by a constant reader that it is a long time since we have given any recipes for cake, so we will devote our space this month to some this month to some good recipes for cake and dainty desserts, trusting that other readers will be as well pleased with the cake recipes. Right here let me say that if there is anything special that readers want recipes for,—I mean, of course, recipes not too much out of the ordinary,—set to find and submit

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WEBSTER CAKE.

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Cream 1-2 cup butter, add gradually 1 cup sugar, the yolks of 3 eggs well beaten, 1-2 cup milk, 13-4 cups flour mixed and sifted with 2 1-2 teaspoons baking powder and the whites of 3 eggs beaten stiff. To a trifle less than 1-2 the mixture add 1-3 cup walnut meat broken in pieces, 1-3 cup raisins seeded and cut in pieces, 1-3 cup figs finely chopped, 2 tablespoons molasses, 1-4 teaspoon each of mace and nutmeg, 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1-8 teaspoon salt and 1 1-2 tablespoons flour. Flavor with 1 tablespoon brandy or wine. Arrange in a deep pan and bake in a slow oven 1 hour. Cover with maple sugar frosting. sugar frosting.

MAPLE SUGAR FROSTING.

Break a pound of soft maple sugar in pieces, add 1-2 cup boiling water and let boil until mixture will thread when dropped from tip of spoon. Pour syrup gradually onto the whites of 2 eggs beaten stiff, and continue beating until mixture is stiff enough to spread.

LITTLETON CAKE.

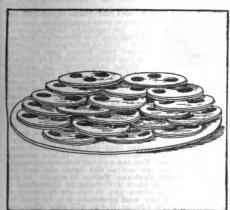
Cream 1-2 cup butter, add gradually 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs well beaten, 1-2 cup milk, 1 square chocolate dissolved in 1-2 cup coffee infusion, and 21-2 cups flour mixed and sifted with 2 1-2 teaspoons baking powder. Bake in layers and put together, and on top chocolate frosting. Sprinkle with finely-chopped almonds.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING.

Melt 2 squares Baker's chocolate, add 1-4 cup boiling water, a few grains salt, and confectioner's sugar to make of proper consistency to spread. Add 1-2 teaspoon vanilla.

JELLY JUMBLES.

Cream 1-2 cup butter, add gradually 1 cup sugar, 1 egg well beaten, 1-2 teaspoon soda dissolved in 1-2 cup sour milk, 1-4 teaspoon salt, and flour to make a soft dough. Chill, shape with a round cutter and on one-half the pieces



JELLY JUMBLES.

put currant jelly; in the remaining pieces cut 3 small openings. Put pieces together, press edges slightly and bake in a rather hot oven, that jumbles may keep in good shape.

DELMONICO GINGERBREAD.

Boil 1-2 cup butter, 1 cup molasses, and 3-4 tablespoon ginger 10 minutes; then add 1-2 cup flour, and stir until smooth. Spread mixture on a pan inverted and buttered, and bake in a moderate oven. Cut in squares and remove from pan.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

Rub 2 pounds of butter into 5 pounds of flour. Add 1 pound of sugar, then 3 gills of distillery yeast, 1 pint of milk, 4 eggs well beaten, a gill (half a cup) of wine, and another pint of milk. Beat well, and let stand to rise all night. In the morning add a gill of brandy, another pound of sugar, and half an ounce of nutmegs. Let rise until very light, then put into the pans alternately with a sprinkling of a pound, each, of currants and seeded raisins. A pound of citron, cut fine, may also be added. Use one cake of compressed yeast or one dry yeast cake, softened in a cup of lukewarm water, when distillery yeast is not procurable.

CREAM SPONGE CAKE.

Beat the yolks of 4 eggs until light. Add gradually 1 cup of sugar, and, alternately, half a cup of double cream and 2 cups of flour sifted with half a teaspoonful of soda and 2 level teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar. Add a grating of lemon rind and the stiff-beaten whites of the eggs. Bake in a loaf about forty minutes.

YORKSHIRE PUDDING.

Sift together half a teaspoonful of salt and one cup and a half of pastry flour. Stir in gradually one cup and a half of milk so as to

form a smooth batter. Then add 3 eggs beaten, without separating, until thick and light, and turn into a hot gem-pan, after brushing the inside with the dripping from roast beef. Bake nearly half an hour. After the pudding is well risen, baste with the fat from the roast beef. Serve around the roast. Set the gem-pan into a dripping-pan before basting. The pudding may also be baked in a small dripping-pan, and cut in squares for serving. and cut in squares for serving.

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Cream 1-4 cup butter, add gradually 1-4 cup sugar, 1 egg slightly beaten, 2-1-2 ounces flour and 1-4 teaspoon vanilla. Bake, shape and fill with whipped cream sweetened and flavored, and strawberries. Serve at once.

A slight description of the above recipe is necessary. When the ingredients are mixed, roll out very thin and cut with a round cutter about 4 inches in diameter. As soon as taken from the oven, and while yet warm,—roll 2 sides up so as to form a sort of boat, and set them close together in a dish, to hold them in that shape until they are cool and hardened. Then prepare the filling by cutting the strawberries, sweeten with powdered sugar and mix with thick whipped cream. Fill the baskets, and place a whole strawberry on either end,—as shown in illustration. Do not fill the baskets until time to serve, as the cream softens



STRAWBERRY BASKET.

the pastry, if allowed to stand, and the baskets

will lose their shape.

Here is probably the oldest recipe in the world for fish chowder, and is given in rhyme:—

for fish chowder, and is given in rhyme:—
To make a good chowder and have it quite nice,
Dispense with sweet marjoram, parsley and spice;
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To make the stew eat well and stick to the bone.
Some pork is sliced thin and put into the pot;
Some say you must turn it, some say you must not;
And when it is brown, take it out of the fat,
And add it again when you add this and that.
A layer of potatoes, sliced a quarter inch thick,
Should be placed in the bottom to make it eat
slick;
A layer of onions now over this place.
Then season with pepper and salt and some mace.
Split open your crackers and give them a soak,
In eating you'll find this the cream of the joke.
On top of all this, now comply with my wish,
And put in large chunks of your pieces of fish;
Then put on the pieces of pork you have fried,
I mean those from which all the fat has been tried.
In seasoning, I pray don't spare the cayenne,
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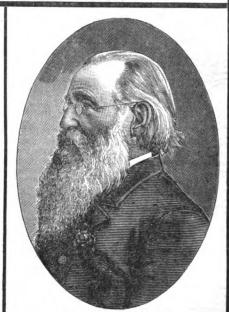


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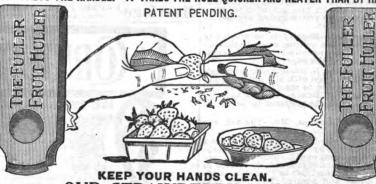
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The first one I take up is from Cousin Pansy of Lorne, Va., who wants to know what a pina skirt and some small rubies are worth. Nobody can answer a question like that but a dealer in such things, and I suppose the nearest one to her is in Richmond.

D. V. V., Stanford, Mo.—Act as if you did not care for him. If there is a way to win a man, that is the only one I know of. (2) Better obey your parents in love affairs until you are past twenty-one. (3) It is the lady's place to ask a third person to join her party.

Louise, Granite Mountain, Texas.—Can't the young man pay for his own lunch, or bring it with him? He ought to. (2) Did you ever hear anybody in his right mind say, "the girls were caming"? (3) A gentleman always looks out for the lady's comfort first. (4) Never heard of the author you ask for.

Brown Eyed Twins, Macomb, Ills.—Yes, a young man may call again though not invited. (2) Ask him in after church, if not too late. (3) No, don't talk to young "gentlemen friends" over the telephone, except when necessary. (4) A man should not call oftener than once a week unless he is seriously inclined. ously inclined.

Sweet Briar, Agnew, Neb.—Queen Victoria's last name was generally supposed to be Wettin.

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N. S. D., Florala, Ala.—It is quite proper for a seventeen year old girl to go to a night meeting with her brother and a young man of twenty-five. It will be better to wait four years or three, at least, before marrying the twenty-five year old man; better for you and better for him.

Butter Cup, Wiggins, Miss.—Girls should not receive company before they are eighteen or nine-teen, and should not marry before twenty-one. "Sweet Sixteen" is silly. (2-9) Wait four or five years and I will answer these questions. In the mean time think about something else than "boys" and "hearts" and "love".

Three Friends, Washougai, Wash.—It is undigni-

Three Friends, Washougai, Wash.—It is undignified for a girl to take a man's hat from him and put it on herself. Most of the other questions you ask can be answered the same way. I don't know the poetry you quote, nor the author.

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E. P. C. Aurora, Neb.—Yes, you may change numbers to avoid being next to a man you do not like.

(2) I suppose boys and girls may go home from school together. (3) Girls should not paint, and only powder so far as with some simple thing that is cooling and clean. (4) The man may help the lady on or off with her rubbers. (5) Your first duty is to the man who took you to the entertainment.

Violet, Madison, Wis.—Unless you know the doctor very well, don't call on him unless accompanied by a chaperon. (2) The man should write first, though that is not necessary. (3) Wear something rather more pronounced than light blue. Pink might be becoming to the fair complexion, but hardly to the dark red hair. (4) The shyness you speak of can only be overcome by practice and experience. Forget yourself. There is no definite rule. You must do the best you can. (5) I see nothing wrong in "too fat". (6) Ask the town librarian for a list of girls' books.

Constant Reader, Swallows' Nook, Kans.—The

Constant Reader, Swallows' Nook, Kans.—The lady may offer her escort a boutonniere. (2) Ladies do not hold men's hats during the evening at the theatre. They hold their own, however, and not on their heads, either. As to helping a man with his overcoat that is entirely with the lady. Most men are able to put on their own overcoats.

Gray Eyes, Ocala, Va.—I know of no such places as you inquire for.

Iris, Stephens City, Va.—Write to Postmaster, Richmond, inclosing return postage, for address of painted china dealers. You will have to find your own editors to buy stories and sketches, etc. Nobody knows where they are.

Florence, Iowa Falls, Iowa.—The man should have no right to treat a lady so, but you deserve it. (2) Don't ask men to call till you know who they are. (3) Let the young man know what you don't like about him. Better now than after you have married him.

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Dew Drop, Kedron, Minn.—You have a right to choose your own company. (2) You are most too young to be writing to a man, even your old school teacher. (3) Girls ought to know how to do as many useful things as possible. (4) Make fun of the sentimental youngster and let him get offended if he wants to. (5) The novels you mention are harmless, if not taken to excess.

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(3) Write on one side of the paper.
Clare and Ada, Edgeley, N. D.—One man is enough to write to. (2) She may go with him until the one comes whom she is going to marry. (3) Don't go wheeling after dark. (4) Dance with him as many times as you want to, but be prepared to hear people talk.

Ruth and Rolla, Ellington, Mo.—You ask too many questions.

many questions.

Hopeful, Hebron, Neb.—There is no way to get a book published except by submitting it to publishers. (2) The acceptance of a story by one paper blocks it from others, of course. My advice to you is to stop writing and put in your time reading standard prose and poetry. You need that more than what you ask for. Also learn to spell. Try the verses on your local newspaper.

Edyth, Farmington, Ills.—Quite proper to acknowledge receipt of commencement card, and no harm if a correspondence ensue. (2) Sixteen is rather too young for a tailor made suit.

Rosebud, Liberty, Ind.—Better not go "bugy ridin", but stay at home and learn to spell.

Jolly Chums, Sac City, Ia.—Yes, go home from church with the man who didn't take you there. (2) Your friend being sponsor for the stranger makes him all right. (3) Compliments on form and fit of dress had better be avoided.

Loydina, Frankfort, Pa.—Yes, but she should tell him to wait till she is twenty. (2) Ask her mother, that's all. (3) Pink is good enough. (4) The man should not walk between the ladies.

Opal, Cross Roads, W. Va.—Nineteen year old girls should not marry without parents' consent.
(2) One month is as good as another to marry in,

and one day in the week as good as another, but I think Tuesdays in June seem to be the most popu-

C. H. and C. W., Trenton, Neb.—Wait a minute, children, until you are older.

Tottie, Middletown, N. Y.—Bright red writing paper in my opinion is not in good taste. (2) It is not customary to ask young men to drive with young women or to go to places with them, but it is often done.

often done.

Little Sallie, Lokota, N. D.—Agate is the birthstone of June. (2) Ask your physician about the bad breath. (3) Never marry a drunkard because you love him, nor a rich man because you do not. Die an old maid first. (3) Obey your parents.

L., Hebron, Minn.—It is illegal for cousins to marry. In other words you cannot marry your cousin. (2) Introduce by saying: "May I introduce (or present) Mr. So-and-so." (3) Thank you, Ishall be glad to go.

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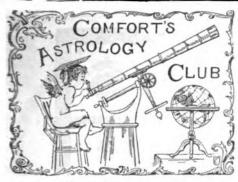
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HE New Moon this month occurs at about two minutes past five o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th day of July, when the 20th degree of the sign Sagittarius will be rising with Jupiter and Saturn just below the ascending horizon; the Sun, Moon, Mercury and Neptune will be in the west in the 7th house; Venus stands in the 8th; Mars has gone past the south meridian and is inthe 9th house, while Herschel is above the eastern horizon in the 12th house.

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The figure for this lunation again repeats the promises of general benevolence to the people which were given by its predecessors. Jupiter, the great benific ruler of the ascending sign, being in the Ascendant nearly conjoined with Saturn dignified by sign and house, gives favorable indications of prosperity and advantage to the masses. The teachings are that the people shall be quiet, successful and fortunate, healthy in body, and have joy, honor and peace. Conditions indicate seasonable rains, though Mars gives more than usual hot temperatures with some heavy thunder and lightning. The elevation of Mars points to some antagonism or strife over church matters and something of a warlike aspect over our commercial relations. We are to look for something like a train robbery or thieving in our south-western territories or near the national borders in that direction. One disagreeable feature of the figure is the threat of increased fire losses in the country in July and August. Underwriters and insurance officers should look well to their transactions and all be vigilant against this destroyer of property. The lunation falling so close to the 8th cusp cautions our great men against excesses of feast or sport or they will go suddenly from among us. Digestive and apoplectic troubles are likely to swell the list of those who go to their last home in this lunation. Indulgencies in stimulants are much more likely than usual to be fatal in these passing weeks. We shall read of some scandalous development in the social world, probably in the nature of an elopement to foreign climes of some one prominent in official life. The lunation falling in a watery sign on the 8th is a caution to all enjoying sports in and upon the water to be guarded against accident.

Mars on the lith of the month enters the sign Libra, which is believed to rule China, and it will be reasonable to look for warlike activity among the Chinese or within the Chinese territory. Let us hope

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR JULY 1901.

JULY 1-Monday. Give preference to the forenoon for the most important transactions of the day,
especially such as are connected with banks and monied
institutions, judges, lawyers, capitalists, and persons
connected with churches; be sure and give no cause for
thine employer's dissatisfaction in the afternoon. While
the forenoon is generally benevolent it is not recommended for the inauguration of any of the great enterprises in life; the afternoon is likely to bring disappointment and unsatisfactory results in matters then
begun.

2—Tuesday. Push matters vigorously after nine o'clock in the morning; have surgical operations performed, engage in chemical experiments and in the prosecution of business dealings in cattle, metals, cutlery, and with persons in manufacturing enterprises and in mechanical trades.

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3—Wedmesday. Be not in haste to begin thy labors of this day if engaged in the literary, scientific, or artistic pursuits, but as the forenoon advances increase all thine efforts with the moments. Improve the last half of the day for the ingenious and mechanical trades and avocations; pursue scientific studies and engage the mind in matters of machinery or construction.

4—Thursday. Independence Day. Push business vigorously on this day, notwithstanding it is a holiday seek favors and deal with railway officials and superintendents in corporate bodies; the time is not propitious, however, for buying goods for trade nor for entering upon any of the great undertakings in life.

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5—Friday. An unfavorable day for most undertakings and shoul! be employed rather for routine work and such as is of least importance. Stomach, head, and kidney troubles become more acute in this passing time, to avoid which will require more than the ordinary care and prudent habits. Persons born about the 4th of January or April, or the 9th of July or 17th of October, of past years should heed our warning for care as to diet and habits. Married ladies born on these days will need to be circumspect in deportment and exercise more than ordinary patience and forbearance with their husbands; and to some, at best, will come quarrels, disagreements, separation and even divorce or unusual misfortunes to or through their married partners and near male relatives in the coming weeks. Males born at such times should see to it that business ruptures and changes do not come from acts of theirs and should not at this time begin important undertakings but be satisfied with their present lot rather than seek now to improve it by new ventures.

6—Saturday. Arise early and push vigorously thy several purjuits; use the forenoon for buying goods for trade, seeking money accommodations and dealings with lawyers, clothiers and woolen merchants; do not expect favor from large corporations in business nor from national, state, or nunicipal authorities; the time is not favorable for any matrimonial engagement especially for those of the genile sex born about the 8th of March, 6th of June or September or the 9th of December, of past years.

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7—Sunday. Excellent for mental efforts and religious zeal, though unless caution is exercised there will be observed too strong an inclination for aggressive uterances and disputes; let all have patience and he moderate in word and action under any species of excitement, especially in the noon and afternoon hours.

s—Monday. Those who speculate with their money on this day need not be surprised if disappointment comes; and general conditions bid thee pause before engaging in any matter of importance; avoid business dealings with banks and monied men, give thy landlord a wide berth and all matters pertaining to houses or lands are best avoided; bad stomach and kidney troubles and apoplectic annoyances are quickened at this time. Persons suffering from digestive troubles in this year will be wise during July to favor themselves in all the ways they can, especially by regular and prudent diet and temperate gratifications of appetite.

9—Tuesday. Great circumspection is advised in thine undertakings of this day; beware of speculations; do not buy goods in commerce nor expect favorable results from mental efforts; have particular care in all matters of literary character and be prudent and watchful in the use of the pen. Stress is again laid upon the suggestions given for the 5th instant to persons born about the days there noted.

10—Wednesday. This day is excellent for all general business, though the polite arts and elegant pursuits are not favored in the early part of the day; purchase goods for trade and deal with banks and the wealthy classes in the forenoon; during the afternoon give thine energies to business concerned with houses and lands; deal in such commodities as coal, iron, petroleum, wood, lumber, lead, wool and grain, and with discretion in

mining and railroad stocks; make contracts for building and have transactions with persons generally in fiduciary capacities.

11—Thursday. Begin this day early and continue thine efforts of yesterday with increased vigor; let literary productions be launched during the forenoon hours and thou mayst have good assurance of success proportionate of course, with their quality; do important correspondence and appeal to the mind for forwarding thy ventures.

12—Friday. A good day for general business; let all engaged in the polite and elegant occupations specially improve the middle hours of this day; social and musical entertainments are encouraged for the afternoon and evening.

13—Saturday. Peculiarly favorable for commercial engagements; the mind will be active and the business judgment unusually actute; choose the time for dealing with clerks, accountants, teachers, mathematicians and the scientific classes generally.

14—Sunday. An unfavorable Sabbath day; mental productions are likely to be illogical and unsatisfactory, the utterances rash and imprudent, unless moderation and care is exercised; some bad fires are likely in the very early morning.

15—Monday. Engage in literary and scientific pursuits of magnitude during this day; commercial menshould take advantage of prevailing benevolent conditions, make contracts, hire help and push all general business to the utmost.

16-Tuesday. Employ every moment of this day for forwarding thy business ventures especially if concerned with manufactures, chemicals, drugs, or machinery; try chemical experiments and prosecute dealings in cattle, metals, cutlery, or explosives, also with those in the mechanical trades.

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17—Wednesday. Give preference to the forenoon of this day for urging the elegant pursuits; deal in fancy goods, dress materials, jewelry, and all articles of apparel or adornment; and expect pleasures and success in dramatic and musical entertainments; do not be over generous in the afternoon in dispensing thy worldly means; being careful also about jumping too hastily to conclusions as to values of goods to be purchased; keep the temper.

18—Thursday. Give preference to the middle hours of this day for the most important ventures; buy sparingly of goods for trade; deal with persons engaged in banking institutions and with judges, clergymen, woolen manufacturers and clothiers; let the musician and artist urge their several callings.

19—Friday. A good day for making contracts concerning houses, lands, agricultural and mining productions and all kinds of dealings with farmers, builders, miners, contractors, and all engaged in the dirty occupations, and the laboring classes generally; use the afternoon for literary and scientific work and for dealing with teachers, printers, philosophers, mathematicians, secretaries, accountants, architects, orators and all ingenious and clever persons; seek no favor from officers of railways nor from any corporate body or institution.

20—Saturday. Apply for favor from persons in authority but have great care as the night approaches.

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21—Sunday. An unfavorable Sabbath day contributing to aggressive and inharmonious discourse and promotion of excitement and controversy; see that all precautions are observed here against fire as we are now passing through conditions when some serious losses are likely to result from the fiery element; beware of hasty conclusions and see that the tongue does not involve thee unpleasantly.

22-Monday. Improve this day to the utmost, giving preference if any, to the prosecution of business pertaining to the fine arts and the polite accomplishments; the day is peculiarly propitious for dealings in holiday wares, decorative goods and for the enjoyment of social and dramatic entertainments; make no contracts of consequence in the forenoon when dealings with persons in the literary pursuits are likely to prove unsatisfactory and unprofitable.

23—Tuesday. Seek no favor from thine employer in the morning but as the day advances give every energy to the prosecution of business, due caution being exercised against haste and precipitancy in thine affairs; buy goods for trade; deal with persons of wealth, make money collections, adjust accounts and press all honorable business.

able business.

24—Wednesday. One of the excellent days of the month upon which it would be well to begin affairs of importance concerning houses and lands and to deal with farmers, miners, plumbers, nurserymen, and cattle raisers; take the forenoon hours for beginning buildings and otherwise inaugurating works of construction; sign deeds; transact business with trustees, administrators, executors and probate officers; those in the literary callings are favored.

25—Thursday. The day is poor for musical and artistic matters and discourages the purchase of dress or fancy goods or decoration; the time is unfavorable for any matrimonial engagement and is unpromising for social entertainment; important matters are best postponed.

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26—Friday. As the Sun leaves the eastern horizon let all honorable pursuits be pushed with constantly increasing vigor; the forenoon specially encourages mechanical and chemical pursuits, also all manufacturing enterprises; begin important ventures of this nature, institute legal proceedings, practice surgery, buy machinery, employ mechanics and deal in hardware, electrical goods and chemicals and with cutlers, tanners, tailors and all workers in metals or glass; the late afternoon and evening discourages dealings with very aged persons or officers of public organizations or great business corporations.

27—Saturday. An indifferent day: the afternoon

27—Saturday. An indifferent day; the afternoon hours are the most favorable.

28 Sunday. An especially fortunate Sabbath day abounding in benevolence and religious fervor; efforts of the clergy will be attended with more than ordinary success and church matters and officials are particularly favored.

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29—Monday. A very evil day in which particularly matters of much importance are best deferred; see that the tongue or pen do no violence to good judgment on this day and above all make no purchases of stocks or in speculations of any kind; moral deformities are excited and crimes are increased and disclosed; quarrels, bad accidents and sudden deaths are induced; beware of litigations and contentions at this time for the day is one of strife and discord; use the pen very cautiously and be very careful if compelled to be about machinery or in the handling of vicious animals or in the use of fire-arms or explosives; these suggestions are peculiarly appropriate for persons born about the 3rd of January, April, July or October of past years.

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31-Wednesday. Let there be no unpleasantness with thine employer or the superior in authority in the morning, but in other respects the day contributes energy and enterprise and invites activity in all the walks of life, especially for the machinist, engineer, mechanic, traveler, military man, and dealer in metals and cattle; in the afternoon thou canst with both profit and pleasure deal with eccentric characters, consult ancient authorities and have dealings concerning rare and antique articles.

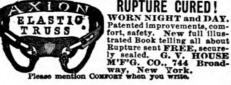
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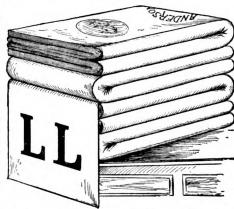
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HEODORE Roosevelt, whose name has long been so familiar to all citizens of the United States that United States that even the smallest boys tell of his deeds, and whose progress up Pennsylvania Avenue in the inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House was one continuous ovation from the excited multitudes who crowded the pavements, filled

doorsteps and even fringed the roofs of the buildings all along the way, is a striking example of rare good judgment, combined with an unusual ability to see the end from the beginning a strong will and a forestal character. an unusual ability to see the end from the beginning, a strong will and a forceful character. Rich, highly educated and exceedingly popular, he has filled many offices of many kinds within the past twenty years, and although it has frequently seemed to his friends that he was stepping backward instead of forward in his various moves on the chessboard of life, it has invariably proved that his move was a good one for all concerned. He has always shown himself the right man in the right place, and ever, when he has resigned one office in order that he might accept another he has left behind him multitudes of regrets for his vanished influence. multitudes of regrets for his vanished influence, assistance and personality. Wherever he goes he makes his presence felt, and invariably for the right. Even in the few days during which, after his inauguration as Vice President, he served as President of the Senate, he made it

served as President of the Senate, he made it apparent that order is to reign in that body while he is at its head, and that applause from the galleries will not be tolerated there.

It is not the purpose of this article to give a resume of the past life of our popular Vice President, for there are few readers of this magazine who are not already familiar with his movements for the past fifteen or twenty years, but rather to give a slight pen picture of what his life will be for the coming four years.

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Theodore Roosevelt is now forty-two years of age, and, with one exception, that of John C. Breckenridge, who was thirty-six years old when he became Vice President, he is the youngest man ever called to fill that office. Generally speaking, the Vice Presidency is a very inactive position, and its occupant is seldom heard from in any way. Even as head of the Senate he has no vote unless it is rendered necessary to avoid a tie. He can make no speeches, and simply "sits up aloft" and wields the gavel. But it is impossible to conceive of Theodore Roosevelt as a passive member of any organization, and even though deber of any organization, and even though de-prived by his office of the privilege of speaking on the floor of the Senate, "it goes without saying" that he will assuredly find a way to make his presence and his character felt in

He has leased a home for himself and his family during his term of office in Washington,

cept his large and valuable library. Uncle Sam furnishes him nothing, however, but his salary—not even a carriage—excepting, of course, the magnificently furnished room at the Capitol which is always at the disposal of the Vice President. This is the most luxuriously appointed office to be seen in Washington, not even excepting that of the President himself.

self.

Its floor is covered by two gorgeous royal Sennah rugs, which each cost the Government two hundred and twelve dollars. The two windows of the room are draped with curtains of Brussels point lace for which the Senate gave three hundred dollars. A six hundred dollar Grandfather clock in a tall mahogany case tells him the time; the sofa cost one hundred and thirty dollars and the portieres of silk velvet at the doorway are valued at one hundred and seventy dollars; but this room is all the perquisite which Uncle Sam thinks it necessary to bestow upon his Vice President.

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To be sure, his duties are not onerous. Fully two-thirds of every year will be vacation to him, as his presence is only required in Wash-ington while Congress is in session, and even then he need only spend about two hours a day in the Senate chamber. He must be there to open each day's session, must remain while the mail is opened, must personally preside while bills are being introduced, reports are being read and petitions and memorials are being presented; but at the end of the "morning hour", or about two P. M., he may hand his gavel to a senator and betake himself wherever he may choose, until the time for adjournment for that day draws near. In the social scale the Vice President now

In the social scale the Vice President now ranks next to the President, and his wife stands next to Mrs. McKinley in the receiving party at all White House receptions. Formerly the members of the Cabinet and even some diplomats were allowed to take precedence of the Vice President and his wife at White House social functions, but Mr. McKinley, when he first entered the White House as its head, ruled that the place of the Vice President was next himself, and so it has remained, and rightly so, ever since.

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Mrs. Roosevelt will also have her weekly re ceptions during the winters. She is a cultivat ceptions during the winters. She is a cultivated, refined woman with a charming personality of her own, a strong character and an intense interest in all that affects her husband. She is an entertainer of rare tact and her respectively are affairs to be remembered. She is ceptions are affairs to be remembered. She is not a "club woman", but she is interested in all that tenus to uplift and broaden women's

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one there remained for her to demonstrate her knowledge in geometry, algebra, elementary Greek, advanced Greek and advanced Latin. Miss Sullivan, her constant companion, friend, teacher and interpreter, understands neither Greek, Latin nor the higher mathematics, and Greek, Latin nor the higher mathematics, and so could not give her the slightest assistance in this examination. She had for a tutor while preparing for her college course, Mr. Merton S. Keith, under whose guidance she finished the work of preparation in three years instead of the four which were thought by her friends to be necessary for the purpose. She was resolved that the examination should be in all respects as rigidly conducted as if she were in possession of all her faculties, but for a time it seemed as if this would be impossible, owing to the difficulty in finding

possible, owing to the difficulty in finding some one to copy the questions for her use in the Braille characters commonly used by the the Braille characters commonly used by the blind. At the last moment a gentleman was found who had the requisite knowledge both of the subjects treated of in the examination and of the Braille system of writing. He wrote out the examination questions for her, but when they were put into her hands on the morning of the examination it was discovered that the gentleman had used the American Braille system of writing, while Helen Keller's education has been entirely carried on by the English system, in which nearly all the books

way does much effective opic lines. She is do der home life among ning. Of the children aged sixteen, is the velt's first wife; Teddy, of his father, and, like the proposed of the sixteen, is the velt's first wife; Teddy, of his father, and, like been possible to find one having also the revelt's first wife; Teddy, of his father, and, like been possible to find one having also the required knowledge of Greek, Latin and higher mathematics, so Miss Keller set herself was the proposed of the uniform the control of the work to pick out [or feel out] the questions in the unfamiliar writing, and to the range of the time was passing, or how much remained of that allotted to each subject. Utterly alone, in darkness and silence, she worked patiently on, doing her best in spite of all the handicaps which hedged het about, and came triumphantly out at the end of the two days' examination, successful in the way of a cquiring k nowledge. It is about for the two days' examination, successful in the way of a cquiring k nowledge of Greek, Latin and higher mathematics, so Miss Keller set herself was the proventy of the uniform the unfamiliar writing, and to her difficulties, her Swiss watch, made expressly for the blind, had been accidentally left at home, and she had no means of knowledge of Greek, Latin and higher mathematics, so Miss Keller set herself was the proventy and the unfamiliar writing, and to her difficulties, her Swiss watch, made expressly for the blind, had been accidentally left at home, and she had no means of knowling, as she went steadily on from question to great the expression of the unfamiliar writing, and to her difficulties, her Swiss watch, made expressly for the blind, had been accidentally expressed by the proving, as she went steadily on from question to the time was a she had no means of knowling, as she went steadily on from question to great the expression of the lime was a stead of the expression of the lime was a stead of the expression of the lime was a stead of the difficulties which seet in the furnished house of Bellamy Storer, Minister to Spain, for which he is to pay an annual rental of six thousand dollars. As his salary as Vice President is but eight thousand it will readily be perceived that he must be possessed of a large income aside from his salary. In passing it may be mentioned that in resigning the Governorship of New York to accept the Vice Presidency he relinquished a salary of ten thousand dollars and a large and luxuriously appointed Governor's mansion at Albany.

The Storer mansion is built of buff brick, has three stories and a basement, and contains about twenty rooms. It is luxuriously furnished and contains many souvenirs of Mr. Rosevelt brings with him nothing of household furnishing except his large and valuable library. Uncle Sam furnishes him nothing, however, but his

diligently. Her greatest love is for English literature, and to the study of this she has devoted much of her time.

Notwithstanding her great love for study Hellen Keller is a thorough girl as well as student, very fond of girlish pleasures and lessons and lessons are the student interpretation. sports, and lessons are frequently interspersed by bicycle trips, horseback rides and carriage drives, rows and sails on the lake and rambles urives, rows and sails on the lake and ramoites in fields and woods; during all of which Miss Sullivan keeps her constantly alive to the scenes about her by talking into her hand of everything to be seen or heard as they pass along.

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At the time of this writing it is not yet decided whether Miss Keller will enter college the coming fall or will continue for another year her quiet life at Wrentham.

How Helen Keller will pass through the four years of her college course; how she will acquaint herself with the matter of the lectures given to her classmates, and which constitute a large part of the instruction given to them; how she will gain a knowledge of the text books which she must use, not e of which are printed in the Braille writing, remains to be seen. But Helen Keller knows 10 such word as fail, and we may be sure that she will conquer all obstacles in her path, however great they may be, and go steadily on to the accomplishment of the work which she has set for herself.



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UPITER! It's the Prince!" I sat back spellbound. What a strange encounter!

Since morning I had been whirling southward through the heart of Germany. At the intersection of the main line, the Holland special met us on time. Quite alone, carrying a small hand bag, at-

tired like a Brummagen drummer, a stocky Englishman scanned the several compartments through the open doors, halting before mine. Seeing but a single passenger there he plunged in and sank down heavily opposite me, giving the guard a good tip. The latter saluted, slammed and locked the door against all comers. "Ha!" said I. "A bad hour or two with a mumpy, grumpy Yankee-hating Briton." settled back with the air of boredom.

But within a half hour I had reason to revise my prophecy. My traveling companion was neither mumpy, grumpy, nor a Yankee-hater. On the contrary, he began to evince a direct interest in me personally and in my country in general. Although smoking a blunt briarwood himself, he opened amenities with the best cigar I had ever discovered on the continent, and in the most affable English, tinctured with a slight accent, I thought, began to discuss American affairs with an intimacy of knowledge far superior to the conventional Briton who thinks that the Mississippi flows over Niagara Falls at Sacramento, and who evinces surprise that you have never met his dear cousin in Uruguay, which he seems to think a suburb of Chicago.

"And how far, may I ask, shall we have the pleasure of traveling together?" he asked at

When I told him that I was bound straight for dear old Venice, his face became a queer study. He asked me a thousand questions about the sea-girt city where I had spent so many delightful winters. At last he came to the point. Was there not a carnival on just at present-the marriage of the Bride of Venice to the sea-god of the Adriatic? Would not the king and queen be there, and the whole city in gala-dress? When I told him that it was to witness this fete that I was hurrying thither two months in advance of my usual journey,

"Really now, do you know, I think I wouldn't mind running down there myself for a day,"-but it was said in a manner which betrayed the fact that such and nothing else was the man's original intention, though why he wished to conceal it was not for me to divine. I told him modestly that my intimate knowledge of the city made me an ideal "guide, philosopher, and friend," if he chose to accept the courtesy, whereupon he thanked me and the compact was made.

The day was warm and the train stuffy and slow. The stranger closed his eyes during a lull in the converse; and though I had suspi-

detective work on my own account. I had noticed that the traveler wore two rings on one hand, the jewel of one turned in so as to conceal it. In the half-doze the plump fingers rolled over on his knee, and leaning forward I plainly saw and recognized the royal signet. A few moments later, drawing forth a handkerchief and mopping his bald head, the traveler confirmed my suspicions by disclosing the royal coat of arms embroidered in exquisite miniature. So it was no doubtful imitation of the future sovereign Edward that sat before me. It was the real flesh and blood man. I felt a quick stir within me, moving down to the palaces to the sound of music and the dip of further window and gazing upon the landscape, thinking things.

Here was an episode! A prince of the blood of one of the greatest monarchies of all time, tired of the flatteries of sycophants, longs to get away for a week-end holiday to the carnival at Venice, appointing me his special courier. Did ever American or Briton either, for that matter, enjoy such a delicious compliment. It was now up to me, as the phrase goes, to play my points well. But the longer I thought, the more I was seized of a strong responsibility. What if something happened to His Highness while under my democratic tutelage? Venice during the carnival, when the city is full of royalty, is a rendezvous for every species of anarchist. What if in some lonely canal some villain should leap aboard and scuttle the gondola. One by one weird and terrible imaginings confronted me, then we reached a frontier town where I alighted for a little leg-stretching and a glass of Austrian wine. It refreshed me.

The day passed delightfully. The conversation ran the gamut of men and books, particularly relating to my own country, of which my companion never seemed to weary of discovering a new point of view. By the following morning we had reached trans-Alpine skies and were rolling toward the Adriatic swiftly. It was then that my companion made a strange request. He wished to arrive in Venice under the picturesque spell of the blue Venetian night, which would necessitate stopping off for a few hours and taking a later train, that we might enter the wonderful city while the carnival festivities were at their height. I was delighted to assent. It gave me time to plan things.

It was a quaint old village some five hours from Venice that offered us shelter and repose a picturesque hamlet set in the lower Alpine range where the perfect peace of nature soothed us tired railway prisoners charmingly. After a meal of game, black bread and new wine, of which my companion ate like a peasant at his first urban table d'hote, we started to wander through the fields, chatting like school chums the while, gathering queer wild flowers that grew in profusion over the grassy slopes. In a bed of wild pansies the distinguished traveler lay down at last and was soon fast asleep as a shepherd-boy. I then took occasion to steal back to the village where I sent a telegram to the Chief of Police of Venice, whom I knew

"Meet me at station, eight o'clock train," I advised him, "with two trusty aids. Secrecy. Great importance."

Then I returned to my royal charge, waking him, for the sun was already lowering. "One more bumper of the 'blushful Hippocrene,' sir," I admonished, "and we must away."

Half an hour after what my companion declared to be one of the rarest episodes of his life, we were rolling on toward Venice to enjoy some moments rarer still—but of a far different

As we leaped from the railway compartment at the station in Venice, I saw my old friend, Commandant Negri, Chief of the Police of Venice, waiting to greet me. I asked my fellow traveler to pass on through the station to the Grand Canal, and there await me while I attended to my luggage. I then fell back and seized the hand of the Chief.

"Did you note my traveling companion?" I asked in undertones calculated to impress.

"Ah, some great criminal whom you have been shadowing, I fancy," he answered with uplifted brows. "What is the reward? You clever Americans, you always find some way to steal another man's glory and spoil. Now, why hither at this gala-time to murder the king.

"Hush, I beg of you, Chief." I saw my opportunity to gain a big point by fanning his burning illusion. "If I attain the reward I shall give you half. Only, for every moment of the time we are here in Venice, Chief, one of your aides must shadow us, ready at any time to make the arrest when I call upon them. Is it agreed?"

"As you command, Signore. Only, remember, I must be taken care of this time. You remember the case of the great American defaulter for whose apprehension I was to receive ten thousand lire, but-

"No more of that now, I beg of you, Chief. I must see to my man that he does not suicide in the canal. Mark you, we are not to be lost sight of for one moment until-"

"Until requisition papers arrive, I suppose." "Ah, Chief, how do you manage to guess things so accurately? Well, Addio! I will communicate with you daily in secret."

"Va bene. I remember now. He did have a cions as to his identity, I now undertook a little he feared to be recognized. How long have "Trust me," said 1. "Whoever you are, I have

"All through Germany. But enough; remember, have us shadowed night and day, and -silence. Grazia! Good night!"

My royal charge was already wearing an anxious look when I reappeared, but with ample apologies I was soon seated beside him in the gondola and we were speeding leisurely on toward the Rialto and the piazza San Marco the center of the carnival attractions. Turning in the serpentine course I gave a backward look over the dark waters as we moved through the marble canyons of festooned and illuminated oars in the phosphor waves. There, close in our wake, were two men in a tiny gondola capable of the swiftness of an arrow and of creeping noiselessly through the tiniest crevices of this water-girt city from end to end. "Now for the first sensation!" I murmued almost

By the time we reached the Piazetta we were in fine spirits and unceasing in our exclamation of praise and delight. Stepping to the stone landing, my companion drew down his cap as if the glare of lights affected his eyes, taking my arm with comrade-like familiarity as we crushed our way through the gay ranks toward the balcony of the royal palace, where we knew that the king and queen were shortly to appea and receive the homage of the multitude.

But all eyes were now directed toward the balcony; and when the beautiful queen made her appearance, with his majesty in full military uniform following gallantly, the venerable walls of the pile-stilted city must have fairly tottered. But just as I was congratulating myself upon the entire safety and success of the queerest enterprise ever conceived in modern times, I perceived that my companion was rudely jostled, and something fell and rolled beneath his feet. What he thought it was, I cannot divine; but stooping, I saw him pick it up, slip it into his pocket carelessly, then proceed with his handclapping. Turning full about, I was amazed to see the two detectives of Chief Negri pressing upon us with most knowing expressions upon their swarthy countenances. I gave them a scowl of rebuff, seized the arm of my companion and drew him away. "There is trouble here," I said with something more than alarm. "Crowds make me nervous. Let us return to the gondola and take a spin Linoward-

"Well, since I have satisfied my desire, I yield," rejoined my willing charge. Back to the piazzeta we made our difficult way.

But there I felt a heavy touch on my shoulder. turned. One of the detectives spoke rather roughly:

"Now, Signore we must make the arrest now It is by order of the king. We have been watching. We know now who your mysterious companion is."

"No, not yet-not yet," I pleaded. "There will be a riot and bloodshed for all I know. Listen: we are going to take a turn toward the Lido. Follow fast and make the arrest quietly in the open."

The men in dark attire neither acquiesced nor repulsed me. They stood stock still. I hurried to my compeer of the journey and drew him into the gondola.

"Do you know what those detectives take you to be?"

"Detectives? Where?"

"What have you in your pocket? They saw you pick it up-"Ah, to be sure. I had quite forgotten."

He drew forth a curious oblong box and

"Throw it into the water quick! Do you know what it is?" He lifted his calm eyes with

"It is dynamite. You are mistaken for a nihilist. They are about to arrest you. Throw it,

Plop! went the machine of murder from limp fingers into the water. Side by side we sank

upon the cushions. "A Lido, a Lido!" I cried. Once well amidstream I turned. "Look!" said I, pointing through the semi-darkness.

"Do you see that man fishing for the bomb with a crabnet? He mistakes you for the leader of a band of Belgian nihilists who have come See! he is giving orders to his aides, and they are making haste to guard all the exits of the city. We are trapped. Even though they are blundering, it is not a pleasant prospect—this being locked up in a foul dungeon all night-

"Bless me! this will never do," exclaimed my companion, betraying his first sign of agitation. "Let us make for deep water and escape."

"Impossible, sir. With their fleet gondola they will be upon us presently. But tell me; why should you be so alarmed. It cannot be that you are indeed the man whom they sus-

"I-a nihilist-a dynamitard?" He gave a short quick laugh that was without mirth.

"Look!" I murmured. "They have captured their prize. Now they are leaping into their -" My comrade seized me by the wrist. "Order the gondolier into that dark passageway—quick!" he said.

"Stali, stali!" I called out to the man at the oar. The barque gave a sudden twist and passed under the Bridge of Sighs, penetrating suspicious look, that companion of yours, as if thence the narrower, blacker waterways.

promised and I shall keep my promise. Wa shall elude them. I know every crevice and cranny of old Venice, the greatest honeycomb of hiding places in the world."

"I have no doubt of that," replied my guest, "nevertheless I have private reasons why I should rather lose a thousand pounds stering than be arrested upon any pretext whaterer Later I may explain; but now—____

"Here we are at the little Campo San Lorenzo, Just as we make the turn, leap!" We both arose, and as the barque swerved slowly to the right around the corner, I hopped to the stage flagging, my companion following rather clumsily. Calling to the gondolier to await 16, I seized the sleeve of my guest and started through the winding ways into the very hear, of the intricate quarter, through long tunnels dripping arches and crumbling arcades, all dimly lighted with lanterns hung aloft in the darkest of the dark ages. At last we brought up quite breathless before one of these inde wine-shops that are frequented mostly by tag fishermen of the Adriatic—a grimy, gloom, forbidding little den where dark deeds and foul conspiracies seem to hang heavy in the very air. "Granita-due!" I called to the waiter as we seated ourselves in what I thought to be the safest retreat in a deserted place,

But soon I perceived that we were not alone there, for swarthy and spectral shapes took form on the void, then voices, at first log and guarded and then louder with confidence, assailed me.

"A couple of accursed Englishmen," I beard one guttural voice exclaim in Venetian dislect. "You need not fear; they speak no language but their own, the swine. They are out for lark while all the city is en fete. Who knows, now but that they are princes incognite and loaded with money. Iddio mio! one of them does look like Wales himself. I used to see him in Holland—as close as you and I are now. Per dio! I swear it is the great English Prince and no other. Do I ever forget a face? Madre total never! Venice is as full of incognito royalty never! Venice is as this of medgano remay today as a barcaman in liquor is full of a Diacolo. Say now, sons of dogs, suppose to two fine birds should wake up in the middle the Adriatic tomorrow morning, like the look d'Arcos, you remember. Wouldn't there tea

d'Arcos, you remember. Wouldn't there here pretty soldo in it for us? Pah!"

Meanwhile the guest kept nibbling his granita, a Venetian ice of some d licary, and plying me with questions which went wide of their property.

their mark.
"See here," said I at length. "Look over my shoulder and note those scoundrelly baramen

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"What!" My companion drew back and faced me with a curious look.

"It is the truth. We are in the worst quarter of the city and quite deserted on account of the festa at San Marco. We must get out of here instanter. There is trouble brewing. Come!"

"And are there no police near?"

"None save those we wish to avoid in preference to a night in a dirty dungeon. We are bet ween two fires. Let us make tracks."

I threw a coin on the grimy table-top and started into the darkness. There I paused to look back.

"Yes, they mean business," I was forced to confess. "Hark! do you hear them? They are following. Now for a chase. This way-this way,-quick, quick!"

Making a sharp turn in the gloom, over a bridge we sped, down through a long colle and under an arcade leading to another bridge from whose summit I saw our gondolier in altercation with our former pursuers, the detectives. He was trying to tell them the direction of our vanishing. I felt the need of them now, for I had a strategy in view, with my knowledge of Venice and its intricate ways to bring it to is-

"S-s-st! Ecco mi!" I called softly. "Follow us, follow-quick!"

The two men in black heard and understood. Leaving the gondola to shift for itself they took up the chase, falling in behind us directly in front of the sea-pirates who were meantime doubtless fast gaining. Another turn brought us to a long arcade more like a submarine tunnel. It was lighted with a single lantern which I snatched from the wall and extin-

"This way!" I called to my panting companion, dragging him into the dense shadows where we both fell quite exhausted against the

Soon they came, the detectives ahead, and instantly behind them their pursuers. There was no warning cry-only a quick spring in the darkness, an oath, two heavy falls upon the slippery flagstones, a groan, a struggle and the odor of some pungent anesthetic. In a moment all was still save the strained breathing of the outlaws who knew their trade well and were as strong as panthers. Then in the awful silence we heard a low command, and one by one the dark forms were carried to the end of the arcade and then dropped into a barca that was erunching against its moorings. Scarcely breathing for fear of our lives, we slunk back into the shadows knowing that a terrible deed had been accomplished right before our very eyes though we could not see. Then we heard the plash of oars and the song of the chief villain as he raised his voice in the weird minors of Tasso to disarm suspicion as they moved through the deserted canals at dead of night, the gutteral echoes rolling through the intricate crevices like the call of the Prince of Darkness:

"Padre, o buon padre, chi dal ciel rimiri, Egro e morto-

He stopped short at the word 'death', for as the barca swept under a lantern hung aloft, he dropped his oar and cried out, "Curse you, swine of a wry-neck mother! We have bagged the wrong game. These are not the principi Inglesi. Iddio! what a blunder. Let's make a landing and drop them. They look more like the watch-hounds of the police, curse them and you too, Piedro!-"

"Come; they have discovered their mistake," were my first words after this thrilling episode that left me perspiring cold and every fibre weak. "This way! We shall make directly for San Marco-

"No, no, no!" interposed my guest, restraining me with a clutch upon my shoulder as he followed unsteadily. "I want to get away from Venice directly-directly before anything more happens-before something occurs that detains me beyond my allotted time, to say nothing of other dangers. How best can we escape?"

Through colle and campo we were plunging like pursued fugitives from justice.

"There is no way," said I at length, "unless by Pavia, and that is a straight row over the lagoons for ten miles or more---'

"I don't care about distance so long as the and is gained, safely, surely. Can I depend on

"You have so far, sir, thanks to your courage. I think I may be trusted to the end." We had reached the open now, and passing along toward the Giardino Publico, took up with the first gondolier we found. Him with another to assist him, we bargained for to make this remarkable journey of flight at dead of night. A few moments later we were lying back upon the cushions, thankful and refreshed, gazing up at the brilliant stars set in the turquoise of heaven, silent and dreamful.

"Extraordinary-most extraordinary!" exclaimed my comrade of the journey at last, and a little later sank into a dull sleep, while I sat bolt upright and kept the long vigil.

It was quite daybreak when we alighted from the little cabin of the gondola and saw the ruby glory of the newborn day tipping the

breakfast in a quaint little giardino near the station. We had finished our coffee and had reached our cigars when my taciturn fellow traveler said warmly:

"Do you know, I feel that I have made a friend of whom I shall ever be proud. You have kept your promise to me, and I have enjoyed the most unique experience of my life. But since we are to part in a few moments let me say this: I have a confession." He looked me straight in the eyes, and his own twinkled as he spoke. "Do you know that those scoundrels were right last night?" He saw my glance of interrogation. "They were right, the rascals. What memories villains have! I am Wales. Are you shocked?"

"Why should I be?" I rejoined coolly. "Far from it, your highness. It only reminds me of an episode at one of my favorite metropolitan clubs in New York. Once upon a time a rich Californian Hebrew, visiting New York, was given the privileges of the club. He was good company, with but one fault: he insisted upon trying to conceal his Hebrew-extraction. A certain jolly little humpback, a real wit, took a fancy to the man, showing him many courtesies. One night after a right royal spread and a box at the opera at the humpback's expense, the Californian said gravely: 'My dear fellow, you have been very kind to me and I am going to make a confession, if you will promise not to let it go any farther.' 'I promise,' said his host. 'Well, do you realize who I am?' said the guest. Then bending closer, he whispered, 'I am a Jew.' The host thanked him solemnly for the confidence, then said, 'Well, sir, since you have done me the honor to confide in me, I will sav that I too have a confession, and I beg you to keep it also an absolute secret.' 'I promise!' said the Hebrew. 'Listen now: do you know what I am?' said the host, as the other looked as if wondering whether he was a prince or a prison-bird, and he whispered, 'I'm a humpback!""

The prince's hearty laugh was cut short by the far shriek of the train-whistle. He arose, extending his hand.

"And since you have been so generous as to confide in me," I persisted, "I too have a confession to make, your highness. Do you in turn know who I am?" The prince paled a little. "Well, sir, I am an American detective sent out from Scotland Yard to intercept you somewhere in Germany and play Virgil to your Dante through Venice, give you as good a time as possible and see that no harm came to you. You had not been missed one hour from Homburg before London knew it, and off I was ordered to find you, instead of which you fortunately found me. Ah, the train is here. Bon voyage, your highness!"

"Most extraordinary!" murmured the heir to the British throne, not without a tinge of disappointment. "At any rate, you will send your card to me at Sandringham, when you return to London, won't you?"

The Bad Man of Red Gulch.

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left the gold camp of Bent Pan squirmin g under the despotic rule of a genuine bad man, and returning a month later found it smiling, licking its chops and waiting for the next.

Bent Pan was located in Red Gulch in the Ruby mountains of Montana, which means entirely out of the world, but it supported a brace of saloons capable of supplying the needs of a much larger community. They were called Rawlson's and the Greasers, after their proprietors, and because of close competition or the natural instinct of men to split up into

parties—it matters little—those two contending factions divided the camp to a man.

Rawlson's, which had as patrons the respectable peace-loving citizens, generally ran things. They settled claim rights, exacted penalties and meted out White Cap justice by surrounding the opposition at night, shooting out the lights and threatening the life of any man who did not acquiesce in their proposi-

Rawlson's however, was not an overwhelming majority in Bent Pan. Their strength lay in Rawlson himself, who was a strategist of no mean powers, while in the opposing faction, though plenty of men, there was no leader to organize against his rule. So drunk with power or more often with Rye, Rawlson's bullied the Greasers into a dangerous state of sullen hatred heedless of the fact that one man with a head could completely turn the tables. white campaniles and towers of far Pavia with Even Rawlson did not realize this until one

blood-red flame. An hour later we sat at Bagley, a powerful, ugly, red-bearded ruffian eyed, red-headed leather poundin' whelp you came into camp and completely terrorized it.

"Sez he can lick his weight in wild cats," Rawlson confided to me, "and he's done it too. Throwed Simpson and Bill Horny over his head and has shot ther tincker in ther leg.'

Bagley lived up to his name of "Bad Man" from the first. Both saloons had slate and chalk at his disposal, playing for his undivided patronage until the bad man himself ended this sacrifice by bullying others into chalking up his drinks on their slates. He bullied, injured and cursed with unbiased attention to the end of being esteemed at the Greasers and hated at Rawlson's. Among the many causes of grievance, however, there was one instance where he went almost too far. Old man Moore, who took care of the change horses for the weekly stage and was blacksmith, had a daughter called Nina, who was far too comely a girl into his coffee pot. to spend her life in a lawless mining camp. She held the men at Rawlson's by their heartstrings and when the bad man had passed upon her qualities with unsparing vulgarity, as a possible wife for him, it almost led to an assassination.

But Rawlson discouraged haste. Old Moore he declared, must act first, and then, as the bad man was a leader at the Greasers, it would be too much like trusting to luck with a grizzly to meddle with him without strategy.

"So here we are," remarked Sandy Low in disgust, "just like a stump-tailed cow tryin' to switch a fly, irritated and waitin' for luck.' It was into this state of affairs that young

Terry Levelle, a tow headed, clean cut cowboy, unintentionally dropped. He rode down through the mountains from Butte City and told his story in a plausible, funny manner that gained lasting popularity for him at Rawlson's.

The home ranch was somewheres in the Bitter Root, where he and his father had stock. From thence young Terry had ridden with a year's pay burning a hole in the pocket of his ragged 'shaps,' bent upon seeing the races at Butte. His father had knowingly advised him to get a new outfit before partaking of the festivities at Butte, but Terry had fallen in with kindred spirits from the Madison Valley and just seed him, says ther little Codger. in a few days had only a few "bits" of his initial wealth. It was sufficient, however, to enter the cowboy race, which on the Fourth of July is an extra on the racing programme, and by hook and crook and a fast footed cow pony, he won the generous purse subscribed for the event. Then he struck into the hills and four days of mountaineering let him into Bent Pan.

He was two hundred miles off his trail however. To get back to the Bitter Root, he should have taken the easy trail leading south down the valley from Butte.

"Sez he's just prospectin' a bit," said Sandy Low, "but why didn't he buy a new outfit after winning the dust? Pardner, thet spidery cowboy shook Butte sudden-like and he ain't layin' out to explain."

This is the episode I missed.

"Ther next mornin' after you left," began Sandy Low, "Bill Summers, me and the Codger what's tincker hereabouts, settin' in front of Rawlson's, seed Terry saunterin' down by Moore's shack when sudden-like he pulls up, and most drops his jaw outen his head. We stretched a bit and seed a petticoat whiskin' into Moore's cabin, which explained ther trouble. It was ther gal Nina what Bagley was tryin' to court, and we had to laugh at ther prospects for Terry warn't bad lookin'.

"He came over to us and asked who she was. We tells him she's ther blacksmith's gal. He rolls a cigarette then gets up.

"'Whar yer goin?' pipes ther Codger, havin' a weakness for questions.

"'Cal'ate I'll have some shoes put on ther cayuse,' drawls Terry grinnin'.

"Well pardner that pony got a surprise in them shoes-never had any before-but ther cowboy got a bigger one when in talkin' he found Moore and his old man had been pardners back in ther fifties. Did Moore melt? It was drop that hat and sot awhile same as if he was holdin' him up with his gun. And say, Terry's

"What did the bad man do? Ther genuine exterminator what could lick his weight in

pony most wore out them shoes after that

wild cats with rattlers tucked into his boots? He didn't know how to take that spidery cowboy. His bullyin' ended in a joke every time of which ther bad man got ther butt end. But things couldn't last.

"One afternoon, 'bout two weeks after you left, Bill Summers, me and the Codger sittin' in front of Rawlson's seed Terry bolt out of Nina's cabin with a doughnut follerin' what took him just under his bandana. He came over to us a clawin' down his back and his face as red as my shirt.

"'Hello,' says ther Codger, 'Ain't seed yer since noon. Whar yer been"

"'Been? In heaven,' he tells ther Codger ruther joyful.

"Well it was hell comin' next for the bad man was just inside Rawlson's door. He looked mighty onpleasant, ther mangy red-bearded cuss, and when we got to clearin' our throats over ther spirits what Terry set up, he started to cuss ther whole of us.

"'And now,' says he to Terry, 'you green-

git out of this gulch or I'll pot yer.'

"Then he roared, and 'bout that time Bill Summers and me felt a flea bitin' our right hip and took to scratchin' it.

"'Oh, go easy, you fat-faced prairie fire,' says Terry, careless like. 'You might stampede the whole bunch of us!'

"Now we expected shootin' but ther bad man rushed, and Terry went down. Bagley thought he'd finished him, but that spidery cowboy was doin' his own tumlin'. Up like a cat and got two whacks in on ther chin what put ther bad man to clawin' 'bout on ther floor.

"Done for? Crawled a minute, then got up and ripped things up generally, lookin' for Terry, who, of course, warn't there. Now we liked that spidery cowboy for lickin' ther bad man and we warn't goin' to see any mud get

"Says Rawlson, after ther first explosion, You ain't goin' to hurt ther boy are you Bagley?'

"What?" vells ther bad man, and Rawlson slides over to ther cash box whar he kept his gun. 'I'm going to kill him; who'll stop me?'

"'No one,' says Rawlson toyin' with his gun, our proposition consarns what happens afterwards. And now you onery June bug, git out,' says he pointin' his gun. Then Bill Summers, me, ther Codger, Simpson, Horny and ther rest laughed at ther bad man who slunk down to ther Greasers a cussin us.

"That night we'd a wiped out ther Greasers before ther opposition could organize, which was Rawlson's strategy; but that night 'bout two hours after ther stage had pulled out for Madison, who should ride into camp but ther sheriff from Butte. Said he was trailin' a party what had got into trouble at ther races.

"'So!' says Rawlson, pushin' out a bottle uneasy like. Then he come to ther other end of ther bar to see what me and ther Codger wanted.

"'Terry and ther gal Nina pulled out on ther stage half a mile down gulch, and old man Moore helped 'em. I seed it, so help me,' says ther Codger.

"''Um, whar's Bagley?' says Rawlson.

"'Took Terry's horse and hiked after 'em. I

"'Two hours' start is hopeful,' says Rawlson. 'Foller him,' says he, p'intin' to ther sheriff, who was swaggering out. 'Strategy'll do it," says Rawlson, scratchin' his head.
'Ther Codger come back clean scared. At

ther Greasers they told about Terry comin

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down from Butte, had gone to show his pony and had found it gone. Then ther sheriff come and had found it gone. in lookin' serious like.

"'Did any one quit camp just as I come in? says he. "'Yep,' says Rawlson, just heard so. In a

hurry, too.'
"'From Butte?' says ther sheriff.
"'Yep,' says Simpson. Then he tells about Terry. "'W hat brand was he ridin'?' asks ther sher-

iff.
"'Capital A in triangle,' says Rawlson. (That was Terry's horse.)
"'Looks?' says the sheriff, gettin' into his

"'Red-headed, smooth face when he came, but has growd a red scrubby beard since,' says Thankee, pardner,' says the sheriff and

bolted. Then old man Moore riz up and give pertic-

ulars.
"'Terry did some jockyin' in that race,' he. Square enough I figure, or he wouldn't have got ther purse. But one of the boys was sore and that night tried to shoot him. Shot sore and that night tried to shoot him. Shot his horse instead. One of ther Madison boys shot back ruther clus and while they were carryin' ther feller off, Terry ruther sick and anxious to quit them parts, swapped a dead horse for a live one and struck into ther hills. Now ther sheriff means that thar warn't no killin' and ther feller has made a howl for his horse.

"Well, we speculated on Terry's chances against ther bad man and ther sheriff for three days, and prospects were tough. Rawlson's was down in ther mouth and ther Greasers all was down in ther mouth and ther Greasers all oily smirks. But ther sheriff come back all right with two others, and between them, tied up on Terry's pony, was ther bad man.

"No; just scowlin'. He warn't cussin', pardner. He'd quit that game miles back.

"'Well, yer got him,' says Rawlson, 'what's the charge?'

"We sauntered round to hear.

"'Horse stealin',' sez ther sheriff, and tells 'bout ther trouble at Butte.

"We choked.

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"'How'd you git him?' says Rawlson.
"'Trailed him to Dillon and got ther sheriff to locate strangers. Found a young cowboy as innocent as you or me enjoyin' his honeymoon, but I told him ther brand I was after. 'I seed it this mornin',' says he. 'Yer did,' says I. 'Yes,' says he, lookin' over my shoulder, "and there's the man what rode it now." I turned and this party walks into my arms. Looks like a horse thief, don't he?"
"'It's a lie,' yells Bagley.

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"'Shet up,' says ther sheriff. 'Had no trouble in takin' him, for that young cowboy had covered him and threatened to shoot if he moved a hair or said a word. Well, ther is need of him at Butte,' says ther sheriff, climbin' into his saddle. 'So, s'long boys.'

"Well, pardner, it was a hip hip hooray time that night at Rawlson's. It was luck to Nina and luck to Terry, to which old man Moore riz up returnin' compliments.

"But say, pardner, Rawlson is fer dicouragin' bad men in Red Gulch. Swears ther next stranger what comes into camp talkin' louder'n ordinary is goin' to git potted."

"When You're Up, You're Up."

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HARRIET WALTON.

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HE "fad" district was all astir with the arrival in their midst of an adept.

Now just what is meant by the "fad" district is very simply explained in the few words "Seekers after novelties."

There has always been a class of people the world over

who are constantly running after something new in the way of psychical aid and spiritual enlightenment, and in Boston these people are just as numerous in proportion to the size of the city as though she were less conservative.

At the time of the writing of this story anything psycological was the thing and the mysterious and occult seemed at the same time

mysterious and occult seemed at the same time to open and be wrapt up in this bit of humanity who called himself "Alheb—the adept."

Many and marvelous were the cures he was daily effecting and weird and uncanny the way in which he could unravel and explain family disturbances, while many a skeleton in the closet fell out with a crash under the penetrating glance of this wizard. But the strangest part was the manner in which he chose to convince his patrons of his occult powers.

vince his patrons of his occult powers.

As I entered his room for a sitting one day, lheb appeared standing in mid air the farthest corner of the apartment while al-most at the same moment he came bowing from behind me and apologized for having been

from behind me and apologized for having been late to receive me, giving as an explanation that in his astral form he had been to India that day.

And the next second I found myself alone once more save for a rustling and scraping noise and the odor of a very strong perfume. These peculiar performances were frequently repeated on my visits and the fact that the room contained but the one door by which I entered made his sudden exits and appearances the more convincing that such a man could at entered made his sudden exits and appearances the more convincing that such a man could at least prophesy how stocks were going to turn and when to buy or sell. And this explains why I, a well respected citizen, was entrapped in one of the biggest swindling games that has even been known and allowed by necessity to go unpunished, while the cloud of mystery that has shadowed me for ten years has only now been cleared away.

One word to describe Alheb's quarters. It was in an apartment house in the Back Bay district which had just been completed. An incident of passing interest was the fact that the builder and owner sold it at a great sacridce immediately on its completion and went somewhere across the water and has never since been heard from.

The house was well filled and Albeb converted.

been heard from.

The house was well filled and Alheb occupied oot a suite but a single room on the first floor.
orobably intended originally for the janitor.
It is not known, however, quite what the building the sitting room full of worms and bugs, but

er had in mind when he put in this separate room. However, Alheb occupied it and had it artistically furnished with oriental drapings, walls and ceiling covered with red burlap and the floors with most exquisite antique silken

rugs.

It was noticeable on entering the apartment how very very small and how extremely low studded the room was; of course strangely appropriate for his eastern furnishings. I always noticed too, and once questioned the necessity of having double windows in such a small, well heated apartment, at which he replied off-hand that he paid enough rent to have windows six deep.

As I have said, my first excuse in consulting him was my wretched luck in speculating, and having heard of the wonderful horoscopes he had cast I was interested and curious as well.

had cast I was interested and curious as well, o see what he could do for me. Day after day went to Alheb's room and in a short time had I went to Alheb's room and in a short time had invested my money at his suggestions where it profited me much, and yet he never demanded more than a mere pittance for these valuable suggestions. This at first seemed to me strange but I finally concluded he was not the grasping foreigner I had pictured him, and after a while many a "sitting" would end with a nibble on some oriental dainty and a pipeful of such tobacco as only Barrie's "Arcadian Mixture" can compare. compare

compare.

One afternoon as I was about to leave, Alheb said to me: "Of all Alheb's year tomorrow is my day. If I had \$100,000 to invest I could double it in twenty minutes without moving from this chair."

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This was more than I, in my weakness for gain could stand, and unhesitatingly I agreed on the morrow to bring to him \$100,000 in cash if he would double it and divide the profit.

Accordingly the next day I arrived at his room with a portemonnaic filled with the \$100,000. Fearing a possible fraud I employed three detectives to watch the outside of the house and see that no one entered or left during the following twenty minutes. Conscious that my money was well guarded I handed it to Alheb and sank onto the couch with a good cigar, about, as I fully believed, to witness the greatest conjurco on earth perform his master feat. Gradually, as he sat there staring at me I detected that same strong perfume and the same peculiar scraping noise of my first visits, and from then on I was lulled into a dreamy sleep.

Suddenly with a shiver I awoke and found myself lying on the bare floor of an unoccupied room. Where could I be! Just then the chimes on a neighboring steeple discordantly pealed out six o'clock, and slowly my situation recurred to me—my pocket book—Alheb—even his little room had all disappeared. I rushed madly to the windows (which I noted were no longer double), yes, the same scene lay without as I looked upon only a short time before, then to the door and out into the same corridor through which I had passed to enter Alheb's room. A scrap of paper fell from my vest as I hurried, and on it in Alheb's handwriting were these words: Suddenly with a shiver I awoke and found were these words:

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"When you're up, you're up, and when you're down; but when—" and here the scrap was torn and the remainder of the old saying I mumbled to myself, laughed nervously at the absurdity of it and threw it away. When I reached the street door there were my faithful men half asleep, vowing no one had entered or gone from the house.

I took them back into the room at once, that occupied by the adept, and they hastily ex-

occupied by the adept, and they hastily examined all there was left, but a bare room affords so little to inspect that after going down one flight into the cellar and convincing them-selves there was nothing wrong there they went away thoroughly satisfied that there had been no such room, no such inmate and that I was demented, a fact I was scarcely able to dis-

This all happened years ago, but I never re-covered from being so duped and with all the confidence in the world I renewed my energies, amassed a fortune spurred on by the hope that some day, some how—I could get hold of the man who so tricked me, and if not the fortune have at least an explanation of the spiriting away of not only flesh and blood but the furnishings of an entire room, and here today furnishings of an entire room, and here today reading this it le book,—like a message from the dead comes this quotation "when you're up, you're up, and when you're down, you're down, but when you're only half way up, you're neither up nor down."

The same message Alheb left for me! Suddenly the meaning of the saying dawned upon me and seizing my hat I went to the house where I was well known, and with crow-bar and axe returned to the little room. It was a simple task, and beneath the apparently well

and axe returned to the little room. It was a simple task, and beneath the apparently well laid floor appeared the vividly recalled red burlap which hung as wall paper and ceiling covering to Alheb's little room; tearing excitedly at this burlap I pulled it away and through a little opening I saw beneath me the missing room, just as it stood that afternoon so long ago when Alheb drugged me into that costly nap. costly nap.

Further investigating explained to me the ingenious mechanism of this curiously arranged elevator-like room within a room, which when lowered left a perfectly empty room behind whose floor was formed and supported by the frame work of this narrow, low room of Alheb's which fitted into a jog between the cellar and first floor, and was cleverly concealed by a unique arrangement of steam pipes over the covering boards.

The house has since been the source of much comment and revenue to the present owner who has visitors daily to see the mysterious room which is "neither up nor down."

That Milliner's Sign.

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IS just too much for me to bear, mother," exclaimed a pretty young woman angrily, pressing a handkerchief trimmed with cotton lace to her eyes. "It is bad enough not to have any place in the house where I can entertain company,

this having a dressmaking sign stuck up on the front of the house with our name on it is worse still."

The neighbors were in the habit of saving that honors were even between the widow Johnson's daughters. One had inherited all the beauty in the family and the other all the common sense. Serena was the pretty daughter, and Emily, who ran a dressmaking and millinery shop, and made money in it, was the

ter, and Emily, who ran a dressmaning and millinery shop, and made money in it, was the sensible one.

The expression of opinion took no account of Anna May, but that was not to be wondered at, because besides being younger and lame, she was "odd."

"Odd," in the neighbors' judgment meant that Anna May was fond of butterflies and "moth-millers," and that she delighted in harboring caterpillars until they wound themselves up into cocoons to be cherished until gorgeous winged creatures freed themselves from the stiff brown shell. The neighbors had no sympathy with such "crawling truck," and privately criticised the widow Johnson for indulging her lame girl's unaccountable fancies.

Mrs. Johnson lived in a village on the outskirts of the White Mountains, to whose hotels and boarding houses a considerable number of

skirts of the White Mountains, to whose hotels and boarding houses a considerable number of summer boarders came each year. When her husband died she had found herself in possession of a good house, a small farm, and enough ready money so that with economy she need not worry about her own living and that of Anna May. Each of the two older daughters had received a few hundred dollars from her father's estate. Emily had promptly invested a good share of her capital in millinery goods, and had opened a shop in what had been the little-used "parlor" of her home. Serena was living on her money. She knew she was pretty, and she said to herself, "If I only dress well, and make a good appearance, I ought to be comfortabl/ married before my money is gone."

"Making a good appearance" was Serena's

money is gone."

"Making a good appearance" was Serena's chief thought at present. She had assisted this operation to her own satisfaction by changing the spelling of her own first name to "Cyrenie," which she thought infinitely preferable to its original form. This innovation, by the way, was the result of a visit to the town of a troupe of "one-nighters," presenting, as the bills said, "the great French drama, Cyrano de Bergerac." That Cyrano was a man's name made no difference to Miss Johnson. She was able to rise superior to small considerations, she hoped. If she had not been she would not have had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. Frederick

superior to small considerations, she hoped. If she had not been she would not have had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. Frederick DeMar Brown, a well dressed, and in Miss Johnson's own words "perfectly elegant young man," who was spending a portion of his summer vacation in Bethway.

When the hot weather filled the hotels and boarding houses of Bethway with summer boarders it was Serena's chief delight to go dressed in her prettiest summer gowns, and to manage to slip in among the out of town visitors and imagine that she was one of them. Sometimes she would spend a whole evening sitting on a hotel veranda, pretending that she was a boarder who preferred to watch the dancing in the parlor from the outside. Pleasant afternoons she devoted to reading novels on rustic seats in some back corner of hotel grounds to which she could go undetected. It was in some of these places that she made the acquaintance of Mr. Brown, just how, when and where she never chose to explain. Mr. Brown was "stopping at one of the hotels," he said, and Serena acknowledged the receipt of this information by telling him that she was "staying in town for a time." Which was "staying in town for a time." Which was "staying in town for a time." Which was quite true. She had stayed there, to be perfectly exact, for twenty-six years, seven months and twelve days.

A week of meetings and walks with Mr. Brown, who Serena did not deny to herself was by far "the most delightful person she had ever known," had developed the acquaintance to a point where she felt it incumbent upon her to invite the gentleman to call upon her if she invite the gentleman to call upon her, if she were to properly encourage his attentions. It was this which had elicited the exclamation to her mother. Before the season had opened Serena's sister had hired the village carpenter to make and nail beside the front door of their home a neatly painted sing:

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him in the face. Of course he would guess at once that it was her home and not her boarding house. Mr. Brown had told her that he was connected with one of the largest dry goods establishments in Boston. What would he think of her if he found that her sister was only a milliner and dressmaker?

Serena came home one evening desperate. It had taken all her tact to prevent Mr. Brown from attending her to her very door, and she had invited him to call upon her the next afternoon. The horrible sign confronted her. The house was dark except for a light left for her in the hall. The sign was small, and lightly nailed on. She took hold of it, gave a vicious pull, and found it in her hands. With the decision which in men makes generals

vicious pull, and found it in her hands. With the decision which in men makes generals Serena walked across the yard and dropped the painted board into an old well in the corner of the garden.

In the morning the milliner and her mother lamented the loss of the sign. The neighbors said that without doubt a party of college students who were camping a mile outside the village had stolen it, and the next week's local paper had an editorial on "Vandalism," discreetly using no names, however, for fear of offending possible next door boarders. A new sign could not be made and painted inside of a week, though, and Mr. Brown made his call, and several more, before he was obliged to leave town, without ever suspecting that his hostess bore any relationship to the plain little milliner whose shop was in the same house. When he was gone, and the mail began to bring frequent letters from him in large square linen envelopes, Serena was radiant.

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One day, late in the summer, two women
walking down the village street saw the little
sign and spoke of it.

"Let's go in," said one, laughing.

"I expect it will be very funny," said the other,
as they went up the gravel walk to the door.
Serena, looking at the woman through a window, said to herself, "How plainly they are
dressed." Her sister, when they were in the
shop, recognizing the richness of material and
quiet elegance of style of their garments, made
mental notes for her own future benefit.

The visitors made some slight purchases as
an excuse for coming in. When the owner of
the shop had gone to wrap the bundles one of
the women pointed to the bonnets and hats
displayed in the cheap little show case, and
said to the other:

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The little milliner, blushing a bit with pleasure at the compliment, said the bonnets were of her own design and making.

"But where did you get your ideas? Whatever made you think of combining those shades?" one of the women continued, indicating a particular bonnet.

The milliner hesitated.

"Please don't think me impertinent," the visitor hastened to explain. "I'm sure I didn't mean to be. I am Mrs. —" giving a name which even the country woman recognized as that of the proprietor of the most stylish millinery establishment in Boston.

"Oh, it wasn't that," the owner of the shop exclaimed. "It was only that I was afraid you would think it so odd if I told you where I got the idea. I don't think I mind, though. Won't you please step this way?"

She led the visitors across a narrow hall into the sitting-room, from which Serena, who had heard them coming and was not dressed for callers, hastily retreated.

"Anna May," she said, "may we see your specimens?"

A girl who was bending over a box on the window sill, looked up shyly at the strangers.

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"I got the idea of combining those shades from that moth," she said.

"Ellen," said one of the visitors, "did you ever?"

"No," said her companion, "I never did; but I hope I know enough to know a good thing when I see it."

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The result of which was that Emily Johnson is now employed as a designer in the great Boston establishment, at a salary which Bethway people regard as fabulous. She still depends upon Anna May for ideas, paying her handsomely for them, and the neighbors have come to regard with due respect "oddities" which have such tangible results for good.

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Serena? Oh, yes.

Emily had not been in Boston long before she wrote home one day, all unknowing how cruel her words were:

"When Serena comes down to visit me she will be surprised to find another acquaintance here. That Mr. Brown who used to come to call on her last summer tends the handkerchief counter in our store."

His Duty to The Flag.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY D. H. TALMADGE.

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RIVATE Donagan, with characteristic disregard for conventionality, was approaching his death without doctor to ease his physical pain or priest to calm his soul. He lay in his blankets, biting his blue lips with white teeth, and listening doggedly to

the rain upon the tent above him, while his comrades talked in low tones and wagged their heads grimly. At a little distance stood the lieutenant, his eyes alternately resting upon the dog-tent where the sufferer lay and a light spot in the clouds of the western sky. The lieutenant was laboring with a sorely vexed spirit, as only men of refined sensibilities can labor when heart revolts against mind. His duty as specified by orders, required him to push on with his command; his duty as a sym-

pathetic human being—which person military orders are not given to encouraging in times of war—held him to the dog-tent and Private Donagan. He thought over the situation very carefully, and finally, with the lines of indecision still deep upon his brow, but with moisture that was not rain in his eyes, he strode to

the dog-tent and crawled in.
"Well, Donagan, how are you by this time?"
he asked, assuming a cheerfulness he was far

he asked, assuming a cheerfulness he was far from feeling.

"Oi think Oi could be worse, sor, but not much. Iv'ry bloody thrid in me carciss be tinglin' loike toothache, and me hid—me hid—look out, sor! Oi be fearful 'tis goin' to bursht this minute! Crawl back, sor, back! 'Twill shpatter on yer clo'es!"

The lieutenant placed his hand gently upon the sufferer's forehead. "No danger of its bursting, Donagan, my man," he said kindly. "You have a touch of fever, that's all. If we had a doctor we should have you up in no time, but, having none, we have only to grit had a doctor we should have you up in no time, but, having none, we have only to grit our teeth and beat it off. That is the thing to do, Donagan. You are great at beating things off. Do you remember that morning at Iloilo when six of the Filipinos attacked you from a half-dozen directions? Do you remember it?"

Donagan smiled. "Yis," he said, "Oi remimbers it. Thim poor divils be did now—foive av thim on the faild and one av thim takin' an iligint bay'nut thrust home wid him in troiumph

gint bay'nut thrust home wid him in troiumph to show the woife av his boosom. Yis, yis, Oi remimbers.

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"You are a fighter, Donagan," continued the lieutenant, "and you must fight this sickness off. Go to sleep now, and you will be yourself again in the morning. Is there anything you want?"

Nothin' sor."

"Nothin' sor."

He turned his face away wearily, and the lieutenant joined the group outside the tent.

"Men," he said, "we must move in the morning. It is very important that we do so. If Donagan is not able to go with us, we shall be compelled to leave him, and one of you will have to stay. I am sorry. We are too few as it is, but we must make the best of things."

He walked slowly to his own tent, and the men looked at one another solemnly.

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men looked at one another solemnly.
Private Jim Brown spoke first. "Donagan 'll not be able to move in the mornin'," he said with conviction, "and whoever stays with him 'll stand a mighty good show of gettin' chawed up by savages. It's nothin' short of providence that we ha'n't been run across by some of 'em before this. The poor feller ought to be took before this. The poor feller ought to be took to camp.

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"O' course," said Private Smith, "he ought, but there's no way of takin' him. Besides, 'twould interfere with this game we're playin', whatever it is."

"That's so," said Brown with a sigh; "we're up against scout's luck—it's get through or die. It's a good old warmin' up the lieutenant 'll come in for if he don't carry out his orders. 'Wough!' the colonel 'll say, 'one of your men took sick, eh? Suddenly, eh? Had to stay with him, eh? Well, sir, you've simply raised hell with the American army, sir! What the double-dashed Filipino flag did you do it for?' I don't envy the lieutenant in case the old man gets after him. He's so tender-hearted he'li take it awful hard."

"Oh, I reckon we'll get through," said Smith.

"Oh, I reckon we'll get through," said Smith.
"Anyway, we've got to make the best of present circumstances, and there's no comfort in bad dreams. What's that?"
"It's Donagan," said Brown; "hush!"

"Two Donagan they called him
Whin the soldier shid his blood,
'Two Donagan they called him,
But his name wor railly Mud."
"He's in bad shape," whispered Brown. "The
trouble's gone to his head, and he's spoutin'
poetry."

The others shook their heads and gazed at the dog-tent without comment.

"He thought he wor a folghtin' man, But he sthruck a thing at lasht Thot broke his future inty bits, And his hince become his pasht.

And whin he found his hince wor gone, Wid all his moight and main He raised the divil wid his tint,— And wor laid out in the rain."

And wor laid out in the rain."

There was a ripping of canvas and Donagan's boot appeared through the top of the dog-tent. "What in Sam Hill!" Brown jumped forward. "Quick, boys! he's crazy! Come and lay down on him!" "Crazy nothin'!" Donagan's head was thrust suddenly through the aperture made by the boot. "Oi be falin' bitter, thot's all." The men hesitated, blank astonishment upon their faces. Donagan laughed, but it was not

The men hesitated, blank astonishment upon their faces. Donagan laughed, but it was not a pleasant laugh. His eyes were wild as a windy sunset, and his face was chalky white.

The lieutenant came up, running. "Donagan," he ordered sternly, "lie down at once. Brown, stay with him and keep him quiet."

Brown's great hairy hand descended softly upon Donagan's head, pushing it below the canvas. Then he crawled into the tent, and for a moment there was a sound of struggling. "He's all right now, sir," called Brown, gaspingly; "quiet as a a kitten." His voice fell to a tone of expostulation at close quarters, and the lieutenant, smiling slightly, turned away. "The poor fellow overheard the men talking," he told himself.

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"Whisht!" said Donagan. "Proy open the windy careful now. There! Me firsht. Throw a bit av loight on the floor, Bill, for Oi've no moind to be stippin' inty stail traps. Up shtairs now, and moind yez the floor's iggs. Ah-h! Look at thot now, Bill, look at thot! Watches, Bill, and a foine pocket-book as big as a ham—divil a thing in it but papers! Git inty the pants pockets, me b'y, whoile Oi runs over the bunch av shtuff. O moy, O moy! Here's a mor'gige give boi the widdy Flannagan on the shanty and the pig. And here's another boi which Johnny Muldoon—poor sick Johnny—'ll lose his cow. 'Tis lucky we chanced in this noight, Bill, for these things nades liftin'. Whisht! What's thot? Quick! Snaik, Bill, for yer loife!"

"He's evidently been in the burglary line," commented Brown to himself, peering through the semi-darkness at the sick man. "I wonder—"

"Down boi the soide av the babblin' brook, wid vez on me arm. Mary Ann."—Donagan's

careful! A wit foot moight main congistion av yer little lungs, Mary Ann, and a burshtin' inty smithereens av me own fond heart. There! Now Oi have yez! 'Tis in the niddle av the ragin' shtrame yez be, and yez can naither go ahid or back till yez name the day. What's that? Not till yez pay off the mor'gige on the house av yer mither? Ah, Mary Ann Flannagan, yez be a good girl, but thot mor'gige'll niver house av yer mither? Ah, Mary Ann Flannagan, yez be a good girl, but thot mor'gige 'll niver come up aginst yez, for 'twor shtole from the old shkinfiint thot hild it. Hoinsty? An, yis; but till me, shwate, whoy honisty's required only av the poor. Oi—Oi—yis, Oi'll be takin' it back—don't be lookin' at me loike thot—don't, darlin'—don't!''

Then he cried out suddenly like a wild beast, so quickly did the moods of his delirium change. It required every ounce of the strength in Brown's great frame to hold him down.

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"Arrist me, would yez! Curse yez! Do it thin! Come on, all av yez, wid yer little tin shtars and yer clubs! Oi be a howlin' divil! Whir-r-roo! Take thot and thot and thot! The gutters'll be runnin' knay-dape wid the blood av yez, and the shkins av yez 'll be shtritched on the cobbles before yez takes me in, yez damned.—"

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He sank back limp, still cursing feebly, and

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He sank back limp, still cursing feebly, and the mood changed once again. He spoke quietly now, almost meekly.

"The oath av allegince to the shtars and shtroipes—God bliss thim! Give me the book thot Oi may put me hand upon it. Me country—Oi'll foight for her and foight hard; Oi'll doie for her and be glad. Ah, Mary Ann Flannagan, 'twor a cruel trick yez played on the man thot loved yez true! 'Twor not noice ov yez to give me up to the law for what Oi did for yez! Oi forgive, yez, darlin', but 'twor cruel, cruel! Oi be true ta yez yit, shwate. Sometoime—Oi dunno—Oi dunno—Yis, sor, Proivate Donagan av the fourty-fourth. Thank yez, sor. Oi always troies to do me duty to the flag. "Twor a good foight, yis, sor. Oi—"

Then in an instant he seemed to fall asleep, and Brown, wearied by the exertion, sank down beside him.

When Donagan opened his eyes again, the delirium had passed, and he lay for a time blinking at the stars through the rent in the canvas. Brown was snoring gently, one of his arms across Donagan's body. Donagan cautiously pushed it aside, and slowly, with infinite labor, worked his way out of the tent. "Oi musht do it," he told himself with a sorry wink, "for the sake av the flag. They musht move in the mornin'—the liftinant said so. Holy mither! Oi could not shtay in thot tint longer—'twor thot shtoiflin' hot. "Tis air Oi musht have and ixercoise, yis, yis."

He crawled slowly to the near-by stream, and remained for a time with his hands in the cool water. Then he bathed his throbbing, whirling head, and chuckled.

"Tis thot simple!" he thought. "O moy, O moy! There's Illiott on guard, and 'tis a pinny he can plug at a hundrid yards. 'Tis a bit av a rustlin' sound Oi'll be makin'. He shtops, and brings up his roifle. Thin Oi'll be roisin' up loike this. and duckin' agin. He's got me in his oye. Now 'tis once more Oi'll be liftin' me hid again, and thin—"

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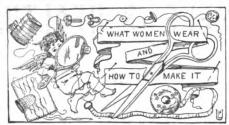
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a prettily flaring skirt
tucked and an eton also
tucked or it may be elaa prettily flaring skirt tucked and an eton also tucked or it may be elaborately trimmed with black velvet ribbons, and certainly this mode of decoration places such a costume upon an economical basis. A beautiful gown of this sort is set in close clusters of tiny tucks with intredeux of black chantilly shaped in long ovals showing an underskirt of white silk. The bodice repeats the tucks and displays an elaborate front, very pouchy, of white chiffon beautifully embroidered and sewn with steel paillettage. A tiny touch of pale blue at the top of the stock, the wrists and at the belt give the necessary color. Very few gowns are now left to a preponderance of black effects, but are relieved by bits of color cleverly placed.

A novelty in dress trimming is the use of satin broche ribbon known as Dresden, the flowered circles cut out and applied to a narrow framing of taffeta, stitched, before applying to the cloth.

Some of the new hat shapes are supremely

the cloth.

Some of the new hat shapes are supremely ugly, and any girl must be more than pretty to wear them well. Fancy a medium sized sailor with a tam-o'-shanter crown quite as broad as the brim. Of course this leaves a groove between the brim and crown which is filled in with crushed tulle or folded silk, very soft in quality.

quality.

The "lace stitch" done in heavy twist is used

in profusion on new gowns. A frock of white organdie dotted with raised black polka dots has a number of thin black lace bands set into the skirt, each band con-nected by this coarse lace stitch.

coarse lace stitch. The effect is wonderfully fetching.

If you wish to be entirely in the swim you must have your new shirt waists button down the back; they are not called shirt waists at all, but blouses, and are made up in dainty wash silks as well as thin cotton stuffs.

stuffs.

In Paris they are wearing skirts

much wider and shorter than we are here and I suppose it is only a matter of a short time when we will be

only a matter of a short time when we will be doing the same.

The high, stiff stock we have clung to so long is, I am sure, bound to give way little by little to the narrow, soft affairs of unstiffened lace or silk. These soft, unlined stocks are infinitely more dainty, and much more comfortable for warm weather wear.

Ribbons are so much used as dress garniture this season it surely will not be amiss to mention some of their beauties here. A ribbon of mousseline taffeta has a floral design in prettily contrasting colors in wreath effect, outlined by rows of machine stitching, providing a most tasteful and effective contrast. Very much to the fore are the ribbons in solid color with borders of gold or silver.

A dainty way of trimming a frock of muslin or leas with ribbon is to combine the head.



color desired, with broad white taffeta; the bows being of the white, with a small bow of the black in the center, and the black twisted loosely a round the around the bands of white

the very latest
cry is the use of one single end of ribbon at the back, twisted loosely with the narrow velvet, and finished at the extreme end with a full bow.

Very few evenring coiffures are worn unadorned this season. Sometimes the decoration does not consist of more than a soft more than a soft rosette of ribbon or tulle placed be-

much more pretentious mode is effected with the use of jeweled combs or barrettes. There are all styles and varieties of barrettes of course, but the very long, oblong shape leads in but the very long, oblong shape leads in modishness and it can be had in the most gracefully intertwined designs as well as the more simple double bar joined at either end. A

striking example of this novelty is shown in silver gilt set so thickly with tiny rhinestones that nothing but an apparently unbroken ripple of dancing light is seen, and as they are exceedingly small and set flat, it is really impossible to detect any difference between these and the real jewels when once they are placed in the hair. Combs of genuine amber with waved tops of unusually lovely design are often ornamented with these same rhinestones set in silver, and show all the care and finish expended on much more expensive articles. The loveliest on much more expensive articles. The loveliest of amber combs are set with imitation turquoise of a lovely blue, while others show a combination of turquoise and rhinestones.



Jeweled hairpins are among the latest inspira-tions and are used singly or in pairs crossed at the back of the head, supposedly in order to keep stray hairs in place.

The fashion of wearing two or three tiny gold

The fashion of wearing two or three tiny gold neck chains at one time is novel, but very popular; each chain bearing a burden of some jewel or other, oftentimes quite inexpensive. Beautifully cut, real amethyst hearts are so cut that each side is equally effective and set at the top with a cluster of wee rhinestone leaves, daintily fashioned and set in silver-gilt. Neck chains of real gun metal set with large pearls, very genuine in appearance, are popular, and among the most fascinating bits of finery offered to women.

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Bits of hand painting upon many of the new
frocks make them so costly as to reduce the
number of wearers very much to the minority.

An exquisite gown of transparent black voile
made over black silk, a narrow skirt yoke of
hand painted mousseline de soie, the design
being a series of different colored roses, the
yoke set in close shirrings drawing the colors
so closely together that the effect is a beautiful
blending of color.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

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F the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Inde-

Declaration of Independence eight were of foreign birth.

Matthew Thornton, James Smith and George Taylor were born inIreland, James Wilson and John Witherspoon in Scotland, Robert in Scotland, Robert Morris and Button Gwinnett in Eng-land, and Francis Lewis in South

Of the forty-eight who were American born, nine were born in each of the States of Massachus etts and Virginia. Five were born in Mary-land and four each

was the number South Carolina, New Jer-Three were born in New from Pennsylvania, South Carolina, New Jersey and Connecticut. Three were born in New York and three in Delaware, while two came from Rhode Island and one from Maine.

Nearly every man of the number was highly

educated and more than a score of them were graduates of the best colleges. Nearly every profession seems to have been represented among them, but nearly half the number were

In 1779, John Adams became vice-president of the United States, under Washington, and then became President in 1797.

Thomas Jefferson served as vice-president un-der Adams and then became the third President in 1801. By a strange coincidence of circumstance, these two men who had been so closely associated together during life, both died on July 4th, 1826, just fifty years from the day when they signed the Declaration of Independence.

Elbridge Gerry became vice-president under

Madison, in 1813, and died while serving in that capacity.

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of the people and three served in the next highest capicity, but almost every one reached to high official positions. The offices of Governor, Chief Justice, Foreign Minister, and other places of trust were bestowed on them, while nearly all of them were sent as delegates to the Continental Congress at various times. John Hancock was the president of that congress when he placed his name as the first signature on the Declaration of Independence.

Of these fifty-six men, Benjamin Franklin was the oldest, having been born in 1706, while Edward Rutledge was the youngest although he was but three months younger than Thomas Lynch, Jr.—the one being born in November and the other in August of 1749.

At the close of the year 1775, Thomas Lynch, Jr. started on a trip to the West Indies and the vessel in which he sailed was never heard from, making it a probability that he was the first one of the fifty-six to die. Charles Carrol outlived all the others and died on November 14, 1832. of the people and three served in the next high-

Men drafted the Declaration of Independence and men signed it, no woman's name appearing thereon, and yet it was a woman who had the courage to save the document, at the risk of her life. When the British soldiers were looting and burning things at the Capital on August 24, 1814, Dolly Madison remained in the White House as long as it was possible and having secured the valuable records, was just leaving the place when she thought of the Declaration of Independence which was carefully guarded in a case by itself, and so had been overlooked. Rushing back, in spite of all efforts to detain her, she smashed the glass of the case with her hand and snatching the priceless treasure succeeded in saving it.

Enterprise and money, in the hands of men, rebuilt the city, but no wealth and no power could have replaced that document which is dear to the heart of every loyal American.

One other item of interest lies in the fact that the first complete copy of the document was published in the German language, appearing in the STAATSBLATT on July 9, 1776, Henry Miller, who had been a printer for Benjamin Franklin being the publisher. Men drafted the Declaration of Independence

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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Fervid July is upon us again, and I venture to doubt whether any of the Cousins have he ambition to

"Put a girdle about the earth In forty minutes."

Most of us feel more like asserting that

"I know a bank where the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows, Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine,"

and betaking ourselves thither with all expedition to hide ourselves from the heat.

Our first letter this month takes us into the coun try, as it should, and among the chrysalides.



e chrysalides.

UNT Minerva has asked me to tell the cousins something more about the order of insects called lepidoptera, to which belong the various families of butterflies and moths, and which, you may remember, pass through four stages of existence, the egg, the caterpillar, the chrysalis and the butterfly.

pillar, the chrysalis and the butterfly.

"One day, while gathering nasturtiums, I found clinging to a leaf near the ground a little object which looked more like a triumph of the jeweler's art than anything else. It seemed carved from the palest mother-ofpearl, and each little projection was tipped with pure gold.

"What a lovely, odd-looking ornament this would make." I exclaimed, and put it carefully away, thinking I would have it set in gold and wear it as a pin. Alas for my vanity and ignorance! When I took it out some time later its lovely sheen was gone, leaving it blackened and dull.

"It has decayed," I thought, and threw it away. Had I kept it a little longer I might have seen the shell open and some winged creature burst forth, for I learned later that these chrysalids lose their pearly tints and gilded spots just before the insect emerges.

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pearly tints and glided spots just before the insect emerges.

"The duration of this chrysalis state depends upon the temperature of the surrounding air, lasting only eight or ten days in summer, while, if beginning in cooler weather it may be prolonged through the winter. The naturalist Reaumur kept one in an ice-house two years, and after being placed in a warmer temperature it matured and the butterfly appeared.

"The variety of chrysalis having gold markings is only one of many, yet it originated the name 'chrysalis' which is from a Greek word meaning 'gold."

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"This order of insects may pass the winter in any one of its four stages, some as eggs, some as caterpillars, others as chrysalids and still others as moths or butterflies, in either case inactive, hidden away in some sheltered place, emerging in spring to go on to full development.

"These insects have been cited as a beautiful illustration of immortality, the greedy caterpillar representing our earthly life with its low, base appetites, the chrysalis the stillness of death and the butterfly the resurrected soul soaring aloft in beauty and perfection."

MRS. M. S. BARNES, NASHVILLE, TENN.

As it is only a few months since I published a letter on the Washington and Lee university I cannot offer a prize for this one but it is so well written and contains so many items of interest that I cannot forbear printing it.

"Nestled among the rugged and picturesque ridges of the Allegheny on the west and the Blue Ridge to the eastward, lies the seat of one of the greatest of Southern Universities, Washington and Lee. This noted institution was chartered away back in 1782, and with the exception of a few years during the civil war, it has had an uninterrupted history of prosperity. It is indeed fortunate in its location—being surrounded by one of the most delightful sections of Virginia, as far as its scenery is concerned, in the famous Valley of Virginia which is recognized as the garden spot of the state. Near here are several points of interest—the Rockbridge Alum. Springs, the Goschen Pass, very pretty in the spring when completely covered with beautiful laurel, and the Natural Bridge, one of the most remarkable natural wonders of the world.

"The monument of Stonewall Jackson is found in the cemetery here in Lexington, and is annually visited by large numbers of tourists.

"Washington and Lee University is situated on a prominence in a beautiful campus of maple, locust, and oak trees, with private walks and beautiful drives. This is in the heart of the famous Virginia lawn of the blue grass country, and in the fall and spring the campus is magnificent. The large substantial buildings on 'College Hill' overlook the beautiful valley that spreads around.

"In the Lee Memorial Chapel is the mausoleum surmounted by a marble bust of Robert E. Lee. Beneath the chapel are the vaults of the famous Lee family and also the office of Gen. Lee, kept as he last left it—not a book moved, his chair beside his desk, and his pen and ink just as he left them In 1870."

Next we have a description of one of the indus-

Next we have a description of one of the industries of Georgia.

ries of Georgia.

"Perhaps some of Comport's many readers would like to see a picture and read a description of a raft of Georgia timber. This picture was taken when the raft was just finished, and before it started down the river to the market. Often the rafts are made more than one hundred feet long, but this one is not quite so long.

"The lumber is held together by logs or large pieces of timber passing across the raft, and fastened by pegs on each outside plank. On the front of the raft, where the small log is fastened to the large one by two pegs, an oar is to be built. This is to help guide the raft as it floats down the river. The long poles with hooks fastened to the end that the men are holding serve to help guide and to keep away any floating object from the raft. Quite often the timbers come apart in the river, and the raft hands use these hooks to bring the pieces together again.

"From two to six men usually take a raft down the river. They live on the raft day and night, and fare well too, for the rivers abound in fish, and game is found along the banks. A pile of sand is put on the timber, and upon this is made the fire for cooking.

"The raft travels from four to six miles an hour



RAFT OF GEORGIA LUMBER.

according to the swiftness of the current. Darien, an excellent harbor and lumber market at the mouth of the Altamaha river, is the market for these rafts. In this instance the raft is to be floated down the Oconee river to the Altamaha, then to the ocean. The Altamaha is formed by the union of the Ocmulgee and Oconee about one hundred miles from Darien.

"Until recently most of the timber carried from this section was hewn and rafted. Now, since railroads have been built, saw mills have been brought in, and the greater part of the timber is sawn before being shipped to western and eastern markets, though a great deal of rafting is still done.

"In spring, when the weather is cool and pleasant, it is an enjoyable outing to take a raft down the Altamaha, as this river affords splendid fishing and hunting."

W. Adelle Darby, Vidalia, Ga.

W. ADELLE DARBY, Vidalia, Ga. So far, our letters have taken us into a region where the heat is too great for comfort at this season of the year, but now we will go farther north and study a curious freak of nature.

and study a curious freak of nature.

"Milton is in Wayne County, eastern Indiana, and has a population of nearly one thousand. The town is built on the right bank of Whitewater river, whose laughing waters, like those of Tennyson's 'Brook,' ripple out

'From haunts of coot and hern, Then make a sudden sally To sparkle out among the fern, And bicker down a valley.'

Thus,

'With many a curve their banks they fret, By many a field and fallow, And many a fairy foreland set In willow-weed and mallow,'

By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set
In willow-weed and mallow,'
they, too, glide on to join another river.

"This pretty country town embosomed amidst
magnificent, well-watered, well-timbered farms
whose broad, cultivated acres produce abundant
fields of waving grain and golden harvests, and
whose smiling meadows, gemmed by wildflowers,
and scented by clover-blooms, furnish rich pasturage, is often pronounced typical of a quaint old
New England town.

"One and one-half miles west of Milton is a freak
of nature, known as 'Shaky Hill.' From an elevation of fifty feet above the level, its summit looks
down serenely upon a wooded landscape, and the
dimpling waters of Simonds' creek flowing at its
base. Its shape and construction resemble the
work of the Mound-Builders.

"In an early day Wiley Reagan, a pioneer settler
in the vicinity, built a log cabin on this hill. Soon
after he moved into his new home a sudden convulsion, or heaving of the earth beneath, shook
the house so perceptibly that the dishes rattled in
the cupboard; a clothes line attached by one end
to the house and to a stake sunk in a hollow beechstump at the other was seen to jerk as though by
human agency. Upon one occasion wood-choppers
were felling trees on the hill when they were
startled by a trembling of the ground under them.
Looking up, they saw a log roll some distance down
the slope without any visible cause. Another time
an immense stone was moved several feet from its
original place.

"Such are a few incidents in the history of
'Shaky Hill'. Every spring and fall, for many
years, convulsions of a like character were experienced by Mr. Reagan and others. Also at these
specified seasons, especially in dark, damp weather,
a roaring sound could often be heard. At length,
annoyed by the frequent occurrence of these
strange disturbances, and tired of living over an
earthquake, or volcano, as the case might be. Mr.
Reagan moved his house.

"Of late years these convulsions have not been so
frequent or pronounced; s

Eva Johnson, of Carl Junction, Mo., writes me description of the state of Washington, which she

she will try us again with something of her very own.

Thus far we have been considering the wonders of nature. Now let us give our attention for a time to the works of man.

"Those readers of 'Chats' who have been watching of bootstructed by barbed-wire intanglements under the mewspapers will no doubt remember how General Buller in attempting to ford the Tugel at Colenso was obstructed by barbed-wire intanglements under the water, and under a withering fire from well-aimed smokeless-powder rifies was forced to retrieve.

"I so enjoy reading the many letters in Comport than some and guns. Perhaps they will also remember that entanglements at Moder River alded materially in repulsing Methuen. In fact barbed-wire has been used-very successfully and the color of the fire and the color of the fire and the color of readers. The Hudson is a river of the River alded materially in repulsing Methuen. In fact barbed-wire has been used-very successfully and the color of the fire power. The fire and the color of the fire and the place himself? His description does not agree, in all respects, with my own knowledge of the place.

Now let us listen to a bit about the beautiful Hudson river.

"I so enjoy reading the many letters in Comport that entanglements at Moder of readers. The Hudson is a river of the fire and the nature of a hundred an hour in a crowd. We send the river of the color of readers. The Hudson is a river of the fire and the nature of the fire and the nature of the place.

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by the Boers throughout the war, to aid them in resisting the attacks of the British. It also acted as a great barrier against our United States soldiers in Cuba. Most readers will doubtless wonder how such a small obstruction as barbed-wire can successfully hurl back an army, but when an army marches up against a strong barbed wire fence, with no implements to cut the wire the soldiers are certainly in a serious predicament.

"Knowing that a barbed wire fence is coming to play a serious part in war, I am going to write something of the part it plays on the western stock ranch; barbed and woven wire fences bid fair to do away with all other kinds of fencing, being the easlest made, most substantial and most durable. Boazd and rail fences will rot, stone fences will crumble, but a fence of galvanized wire will not even rust. Of course the posts will finally rot and have to be replaced, but the wire will remain as good as new. No animal can break a substantial barbed wire fence. He injures himself more than the fence, if he tries it.

"Its construction is simple. Posts, the best being from the heart of white oak, are set sixteen feet apart to a depth of two and one-half feet. Digging the post holes is a difficult task if they are dug with bar and shovel, but if bored with the posthole augur, which requires wet ground, the labor is much lighter. After the posts are set and the dirt tamped firmly around them, the fence builders begin stringing the wire. One end is unwound and fastened to a post, a crowbar is pushed through the hole in the spool, a man takes each end of them, walk along and let the wire unwind. After the spool of wire is strung out they go back and one stretches the wire very tightly with a barbed-wire stretcher while the other fastens it to the posts with staples. Another spool is unwound, stretched tightly and nailed, and so on until the fence is the desired number of wires high.

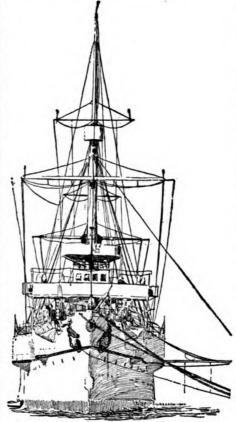
"One great objection to barbed-wire fences when first introduced was that they would kill or cripple too much stock, b

This letter also treats of the wonderful works of

man.

"During the past decade the Imperial Empire of Japan has made rapid strides in the way of naval architecture. Since her war with China that power has greatly augmented her navy and a number of new and formidable war vessels have been constructed, equipped and placed in active commission. The Japanese cruiser, Chitose, recently constructed and equipped by the Union Iron Works Company, of San Francisco, is one of the most formidable war vessels of her class belonging to the Imperial Government.

"In the Japanese language the word Chitose signifies one thousand years". Just what application that meaning may bear for the new warship does not appear. The Chitose is four hundred and five feet in length, forty-nine feet beam, and about seventeen and one-half feet depth of hold. She is provided with two sets of four-cylinder, triple-expansion engines, operating twin screws. The vessel has been completely fitted out with silverware, a rich and beautiful china service, etc. The captain's cabin is elegantly finished in solid mahogany, and there are many unique carvings made to suit the requirements of the Japanese. The chrysanthemum, being Japan's national flower, appears in many of the carvings and other decora-



THE JAPANESE CRUISER, CHITOSE

tions. Great taste and skill have been exercised in making the furniture, every piece of which has been modeled from a special design, and formed to fit a certain place in the cabin. The ventilating and electric systems are as perfect as possible. The vessel is provided with steam steering gearing, handled by electricity, and the ammunition hoists are also moved by electricity, while a complete telephone system is in operation throughout the ship.

"Every soul on board of the Chitose is a loyal son of the Mikado, and the vessel has her full complement of officers and men. The Japanese marines are all stoutly built and able-bodied fellows. Strict naval discipline is enforced, and officers and men are very attentive to their duties."

J. MAYNE BALTIMORE, Spokane, Oregon.

Another cousin from Rutland, Wisconsin, sends

broad ocean. This grandest of rivers, the 'Rhine of America,' as it has been called, was discovered by an Englishman, Henry Hudson, who sailed from a Dutch port, in a Dutch vessel, and with a Dutch crew. It has been called the North river, In verse it is sometimes called the Shatimuck, and the Dutch gave it the name of Mauritius, but it finally became the Hudson, and still goes by that name.

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And now here is a cousin from Roanoke, Illinois, who has an article which she thinks is just the thing for our page, but she wants me to accept it and promise to pay for it before I have seen it, and also wants me to state for what month I can use it. I couldn't do that, my dear, any more than you would be willing to promise to buy a new dress without knowing anything about its quality or color, or to what season it was suited. Send the article on and let me see what it is and then I will tell you what I can do with it.

We have recently had a letter upon oil and gas wells, but as this one tells us something of the discovery of natural gas in Indiana I think we shall find it interesting.

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"Among the great resources which Mother Nature has hidden in the earth is natural gas which, when liberated by drilling wells, becomes perpetually flowing fountains of gas, and is used for power as well as for lighting purposes. This gas is invisible, but has an odor resembling that of petroleum. It was first discovered in Indiana by a man who was digging for water. He got down to a soft rock and struck seeping water, and as he wanted a basin to go below the stream and keep a surplus of water on hand he concluded to blast, and for this purpose he lowered a can of nitro-glycerine to the bottom of his well and dropped a go-devil upon it; the blast came, but after it, to his astonishment, came a frightful roaring sound issuing from the mouth of the hole, accompanied by a strong odor, although nothing could be seen. This continued day and night until the neighbors became a larmed and called for an investigation. Some one suggested that it might be gas and to prove it a lighted match was held over the drill. Instantly a towering flame shot up and continued to burn in spite of all efforts to extinguish it, for weeks and months. Finally a gas expert was summoned, and he, by introducing pipes containing valves into the drill below the surface of the earth, contrived to shut off the supply of gas from the flames, and so succeeded in extinguishing them and conducting the flow of gas into reservoirs that it might be utilized. It is needless to say that its owner soon became a rich man."

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Joseph Bell, of Tipton, West Virginia, sends me a story of pioneer history of his state, for which I thank him, but cannot use it as it is not in line.

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There, for a hot month I think we have accomplished a good deal of reading and thinking, and it is quite time for us to say good by and scatter for another four weeks.

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Turn 1901 upside down and you have 1061, the year in which Edward the Confessor reigned in

England. The Edward who reigns in 1901 can hardly merit the title but it is safe to surmise that the year might be upside down if this Edward should confess. The "Autos" and "Locos" and all other forms

of horseless carriages were thought of before the steam locomotive was placed on iron rails. When MacAdam invented the excellent system of road making that we term "macadam," the suggestion was instantly made that steam should be applied to the movement of carriages over these hard roadbeds. The locomotive was invented but rails were put into immediate use. Had the inventors held to their first demand, automobiles and good roads would long ago have been common.

The Western lawmakers who tried to put a tax on bachelors were evidently not up in their little book of statistics. The population of America is about one-hundred and two millions and there are one million more men than women. If the first year's tax could be spent in moving the population so that the million excess could be sprinkled around places like Boston the necessity of legislation might cease. The poor bachelors should be canonized instead of taxed. Self sacrificing saints, unwilling to deprive others of the "felicity of unbounded domesticity."

The purchase of a great steamship line by an American capitalist has drawn public attention to one peculiarity of our navigation laws. The Leyland line consists of British built ships. Although they are now owned by an American they can not sail under the American flag. Only ships built in this country have that privilege. Aside from the commercial advantage, the American nation has a pride in the number of ships sailing under its flag. If they are owned in America why will not America own

The recent meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute of London furnished an ironical commenting on the old phrase that the mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceeding small. Less than two hundred years have passed since the time when the manufacture of even a nail was forbidden by England to the American Colonies. At this meeting Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Garret of Ohio told the Patitish ironwards in the Iron and Steel

The relation of Federal government to the states is an interesting as well as an intricate subject. The United States leaves to the states the power of fixing the legal qualifications of a voter. It makes but one demand which is that the states shall not abridge the suffrage on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. A state may fix any qualification as the price of the privilege of voting—that is any qualification that does not set aside this one requirement of the fifteenth amendment. The Southern states are rapidly assigned. British ironmen why it was that England had lost her supremacy in steel and iron. "Lack of progress in manufacturing methods" was the reason given. Then—they were advised to copy American methods.

July is not the proper month in which to discuss the "strenuous life." All the same the Fourth of this month develops each year along that line. The rebellious overgrown son who declared his independence of parental control in July, 1776, has become the thoughtful parent of colonies of his own in 1901. The Supreme Court has fixed the standing of the Philippines and Porto Rico and also declared the right of Congress to legislate for these colonies. This Fourth is a little different from all its predecessors. The study of the Declaration of Independence will freshen our memories as to what constitutes injustice to colonies.

victims of a prize of \$10,000 "for the best appliance for saving life, in case of maritime disaster." The larger number of the devices offered in competition were designed to prevent collision. The twentieth century will show a small death rate through accidents at sea. The recent statistics would seem to show that the trolly cars are responsible for an undue proportion of accidental deaths. Accidents to these cars are becoming alarmingly frequent and public opinion is being roused as to some means of enforcing a larger degree of care and responsibility upon companies.

Our trains that move across the continent have long been regarded as models of luxury. Russia can out-distance us both as to luxury of train equipment and length of run. The journey from Moscow to Port Arthur, over the new Trans-Siberian railroad will require thirteen days. All the luxuries of the best modern hotels, from electric lights, hot water heating and porcelain bath tubs, to piano, library, etc., etc., are to be found upon this train. The compartments in the first-class carriages are tiny parlors complete from reading lamp to couches. This model of luxury is to sweep eastward over the awful plains that have been trodden by the weary feet of the political exiles. The contrast between one of the convict marches with all the heart-sickening misery of which Kennan and Tolstoi have told and the regal luxury of these new trains is essentially Russian.

One of the most important of the many conferences held at Buffalo was the tax conference. The history of nations proves that half the wars of the world have had their origin in the abuse of the power of taxation. It lies at the root of government. Our government has the power to tax directly but has never resorted to internal taxation except in times of war. The states come the closest to the people in the exercise of this power. The legislatures of the states are constantly experimenting with laws states are constantly experimenting with laws directed toward equalizing the burdens of taxation. A large number of states are instituting State Boards of Taxation whose duty is to examine and pass upon all appeals from the estimates of local assessors. The great questions of what property or wealth should be taxed are constantly being agitated. The discussion involves intricate financial questions and demands expert knowledge. It is conceeded that the owners of real estate, and especially the farmers, bear an unjust proportion of the taxes. Such conferences as that at Buffalo cannot fail to throw light upon the subject. In itself it is one of the most pressing problems of the day and the one that most directly concerns the welfare of the citizen. welfare of the citizen.

The question of the manner of electing United States Senators is one of the most important issues before the people. When the Constitution was framed, the state idea was still dominant in the minds of the people. The power, prestige and autonomy of the state were jealously guarded. The Senate was instituted as part of a compromise that gave the small states equal power with the large states. For that reason each state is entitled to two senators and these are elected not by the people directly but by the legislations of the states, thereby enforcing the idea that the state is the unit of representation in the senate. The troubles arising over the election of senators in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Montana have drawn attention to this subject and created a desire for a change in the method. The contest in South Carolina whose two senators have resigned their positions and appealed directly to the people for endorsement is but another illustration of the idea that the people directly should choose their senators. The powers and limitations of the state have been clearly defined by more than a century of constitutional interpretation. The senators can and will represent the state but each citizen should have the privilege that the citizens of South Carolina have had thrust upon them, they should vote directly for United States senators. In that case no states would be deprived of representations through the failure of the legislature to elect, nor would senators demand or pursue the unprecedented course that is agitating South Carolina.

qualification that does not set aside this one requirement of the fifteenth amendment. The Southern states are rapidly passing laws that fix an educational qualification for the suffrage. The states of Massachusetts and Connecticut have long had such a requirement. In itself it is a perfectly constitutional use of the state's power to fix the legal qualification of its voters. Some of the Southern states have, however, demanded that the educational qualification should extend to those whose ancestors could read and write previous to the Civil War. This disfranchises almost the entire colored population and reduces the voting population by over one half. It is for the Supreme Court to decide whether or no such demands are not a violation of the fifteenth amendment. The state of Maryland has recently passed a new suffrage law which is clearly constitutional. It requires the voter to place a cross opposite the name of the candidate he votes for and forbids the use of any party emblem on a ticket. This only demands an ability to read names and does not compare with the educational test sometimes given, requiring voters to read and explain a clause in the constitution. The point is raised that the representation of the states that are disfranchising voters should be lessened in the new apportionments of representatives. The question is of vital importance as no one can During the nineteenth century there were twenty-three great shipwrecks with a loss of 7,642 lives. The disaster to the Bourgogne resulted in an offer by the heirs of one of the

Americans have fought, namely that taxation and representation go hand in hand, is in danger. The question is one of grave significance.

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A National Style in Music.

Many musicians complain because there is no distinctively national type of American music, and point out the marked distinctive character of the music written in other countries. What is needed in such cases is a little patience for it must be remembered that no nation can produce anything distinctively national until such

BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

NE of the young Vanderbilts is having built a new automobile which will go ahead of everything the world has yet seen either in autos or bikes. It will have a speed of seventy-five miles per hour, and will cost 60,000 francs. It will have to have a wind guard, for no driver would be willing to face the wind at such a speed—that is a speed greater than that of an express train—without some adequate protection. The horse-power of the former Vanderbilt flyer is thirty-three, and its speed is fifty-five miles per hour. NE of the young Vanderbilts is having

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Some people think an automobile expensive but when the cost of keeping a horse in the city is figured up, "the auto"—even at \$1,000 is the cheaper in the long run. The expense of repairing is nothing compared to the expense of a horse, but do not think when you see your neighbor whirling down the street that he has no troubles of his own; but if he be level and clear headed he can readily overcome them. Electrical carriages are for the city, and may be best taken charge of by some company. Their batteries need constant care to see if the plates need renewing or the contacts need fixing.

The hydro-carbon explosion engine is very inexpensive to operate, but the Americans do not take kindly to it. The vibration, the noise and the odor are all distasteful. Yet this wagon will run further for a lower figure, start promptly and require less care than any other form. The noise, however, is especially objectionable to horses, and many owners do not like to operate it on that account.

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And yet, when you buy an automobile, you are, by no means, done with the expense of it. The motor wagon, no matter of what description, must be handled with care. Each nut on the frame should be tried occasionally to see if it has started. If so it should be tightened, but should not be forced beyond an easy lock, as it may start the head off. The bolts holding the springs should not be forced too tight. The springs are constantly working, and if these the springs should not be forced too tight. The springs are constantly working, and if these bolts are forced home they will only squeeze the washers and loosen again. The wheels must be kept dry or the iron will rust under the nickle and trouble will result. A little kerosene occasionally will prevent rust. These wagons should not be closed in a small stable to steam and saturate the air and cause rust. Air the place well to take off the dampness contained in the air coming from the water and steam. Take off the wheels occasionally and wipe off the bearings and balls. Fill with vaseline and adjust carefully again. It will pay to do this once in every four hundred miles; oftener if you hear a click in the wheels, for then a ball is broken and needs replacing be-



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fore it tears the bearings. The vaseline is not put in to lubricate the wheels; that is against the principle of the ball-bearing, for it must necessarily retard the wheels. It is put in to force out grit and dirt that may lodge there. It will keep a bearing from being ground by grit and dirt. grit and dirt.

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It is always advisable to keep the tires pumped hard on the driving wheels, or the twist given them by the power applied will surely wear the tire against the steel rim and cause rim cuts. The nuts holding the tire place should always be tight, for if a tire slips it will wear out the more readily. The front wheels need not be too hard; they ride more easily if not hard; yet do not have them too soft, or the same trouble will result as with the soft, or the same trouble will result as with the

Car tracks should be avoided. The makers Car tracks should be avoided. The makers claim that running over them does not injure the tire, but experience has been that they have a most unwholesome effect. The steering device must be kept in good condition. Not much trouble will be experienced from this, but the nuts and bolts should be inspected occasionally and the gear oiled. The equalizing gear is more or less exposed, but will not pick up much dirt on account of its location. It should be washed out with kerceppe and oiled. abound be washed out with kerosene and oiled when necessary. It will not need this treatment often. The brake operates on the circumference of the sprocket wheel. This is a most excellent device, but will occasionally get dry and clatter, much to the discomfort of horses.

Do not use the brake going backward, as it will bend if you do, and cause much annoyance by its ceaseless clatter. You can use your reversing lever and turn it half over if you must, but unless you are experimenting you will not be eaught in a position where you will have to use the brake for the backward motion. Put a little dry graphite on your brake shoe, so it will

not clatter. Do not use enough to make it

not clatter. Do not use enough to make it slip. If you should be coasting without steam and find your brake does not work, do not get excited. Reverse your engine slowly, and you will find an end to your trouble. The chain should be kept tight as a loose one will click at every change of speed, and will break on the slightest provocation if it does not jump the sprocket. If it sticks in the gearing, there is no danger of the wagon running away.

There is a lieutenant of the Brighton, Mass., police who uses a locomobile and keeps it in a house about fourteen feet square, at the rear of the lieutenant's lot, at the end of the driveway, with its hard pine floor about on a level with the ground. It is of wood, shingled, and its small sliding doors are as carefully made and hung as if they were for a carriage house of a millionaire. If you push them open, you will find the carriage jacked up on wooden crickets, so that the long-continued standing on one point of the pneumatic tires shall not flatten them. You note two windows letting in light and sunshine at the right of the carriage while on your left is a third window, giving the lieutenant what he wants, more light on the workbench which extends on the left side of the house from the front door to the wall of the four by five closets in the rear corner. A chestful of tools is under the bench, while shelves and boxes around and over it hold bolts and screws and various odds and ends which may come in handy some day. The closet is used for the carriage robes, caps and coats—though in one corner is a very important bit of furniture in the shape of a soft bed for McGinty, the great, good-natured, appreciative Maltese cat, which is the lieutenant's constant companion, as he works around the bench or the carriage. panion, as he works around the bench or the carriage.

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Underneath the vehicle a large drip-pan catches the grease and gasolene that may come from the tank or engine while the carriage is idle; and a drain in the middle of the slightly sloping floor carries off what water there is to be got rid of when the carriage is being sponged off after a run. Six inches from the drain a small plug is set in the floor. Its use does not appear at first glance but it is a part of an ingenious scheme for "blowing off" the engine indoors without filling the little house with steam. If the lieutenant wishes to run the vehicle into the house before blowing off, he gets the carriage into its place, takes a five foot length of hose down from a hook over the bench, attaches one end to the valve on the carriage, sets the other securely into the plug in the floor, and "lets her go." The steam blows off into a pipe running under the floor from the plug to the outer side of the foundation sill, and is as completely outdoors as if the carriage had been left to blow off in the yard.

This is a distinct improvement over the method found necessary even in some automobile stations, where the repairer is obliged to lie flat on his back and work on the engine in that position as the carriage stands on the floor.

As the locomobile is a carriage which has to be started with an artificially heated torch, the lieutenant has put in a small kerosene heater, which stands on his work bench and not only gives heat enough to warm the house in winter, but also heats the torch in four or five minutes without requiring to be watched or manipulated. He keeps his supply of gasolene in cans placed in a wooden box or cupboard at the rear of the lot, outdoors, away from the buildings. The lieutenant has had his carriage only about a year, but has run it over two thousand miles.

Electric delivery wagons similar to those used by many dry goods and department stores in

Electric delivery wagons similar to those used by many dry goods and department stores in our cities, cost about \$3,000, but are considered by the shrewd and enterprising merchant as more economical than horses and wagons considering the saving in feed, help-hire and

The auto and the locomobile are getting down to such low figures now, however, that it will not be long before the older bicycle enthusiasts will graduate entirely from the wheel to the "elephant on doughnuts" as the Irishman called it.

man called it.

In bicycles there are some novelties this year.
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UITE an interesting collection of reptiles' eggs is preserved at the National Museum in Washington, though they are not placed on exhibition. Among them are some Among them are some alligators' eggs, as well as eggs laid by the American crocodile. There are true crocodiles in Florida, though only a very few in number, and they are distinguished from the comparative-by the shape of their

from the comparatively-common alligator by the shape of their
heads chiefly. But all alligators' eggs and
crocodiles' eggs are pretty much alike, being
about the size of a goose-egg and with a hard
shell. Most people would mistake them for
goose-eggs, though it might be a painful surprise to mother goose who should find herself
the seeming parent of a brood of newly-hatched alligators.
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Crocodiles, and alligators likewise, breed in spring, the female building on a sheltered bank a small mound composed of layers of mud and spring, the female building on a sheltered bank a small mound composed of layers of mud and grass, between the successive strata of which she deposits a series of layers of eggs, 100 or 200 in all. After a while the eggs are hatched by the sun, helped by the heat of the decomposing vegetable matter, and, as soon as they are hatched, the infant saurians scramble for the water, led by their mother, who shows much devotion toward them. The male, on the other hand, is said to eat his offspring when he gets a chance, and wading birds, such as herons, as well as fishes and turtles, eagerly gobble them. Recently, by the way, many alligators' eggs have been hatched artificially in Jacksonville, Fla., by placing them in boxes of sand and exposing the latter to the sun. Once out of their shells, the baby reptiles are promptly killed and stuffed for sale to tourists, or else are sold alive for 25 cents apiece.

Turtles' eggs, of course, vary in size with the dimensions of the animal, but by far the biggest known are those of the famous Galapagos land tortoise, now nearly extinct, some of them being as large as billiard-balls. It is said that

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the dogs which have run wild on the Gala-pagos Islands exhibit much patience in waiting for these eggs to hatch, thereupon devouring the young turtles. Land Tortorsa their eggs in holes, which they may or may not dig for the purpose. Water turtles, whether fresh or salt, crawl up on a bank, scoop a hole with their flippers, deposit their eggs in it, and cover them up again with sand.

Most snakes lay eggs, though a few bring forth their young alive. The eggs are deposited under leaves or rubbish usually. They have soft shells, covered with a parchment-like skin, like those of many water turtles, and, as might be expected, the largest egg is produced by the birgest waster which is the particular.

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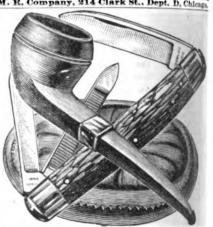
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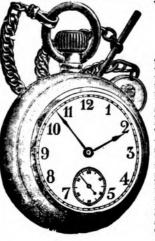
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Nothing is more suitable for warm weather, either for shirt waists to be worn with heavy linen or cloth skirts, or for whole dresses.

"The art of laundering such materials so they will look like new goods is not a difficult one to acquire, and as more care is needed than the average washerwoman is apt to bestow, it is better to do the work at home. Vigorous rubbing is not needed and will soon make them look old and faded. Put warm, soft water in a tub, add a tablespoonful of powdered borax to every bucketful, and rub enough soap in it to make a good suds. Wash the garments until clean without rubbing any soap directly upon them. Nothing is so good for cleaning such fabrics as borax, since it does not fade the delicate colors. Rinse in warm water. Prepare a thin boiled starch, dip the pieces in it and hang them up in the shade to dry. A brisk wind is liable to tear them, and long exposure to sunshine will fade them.

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"Dampen and roll the garments two or three hours before ironing them. Embroidery should be carefully straightened out and ironed on the wrong side. Keep a dish of clean cold water and a soft sponge or piece of linen near at hand so that any spots that are too dry may be dampened before ironing.

Some materials look better when

On the evening of the party every cake in the cook book turned out in honor of the occasion. There was bride cake in a charming white dress with veil and orange flowers. Pancake wore a number of wee cooking implements as a fringe to her gown. Drop cake wore a neck-lace of cough drops strung together to represent gems. Angel cake appeared to float into the rocom by means of her feathery tissue paper wings. Plum cake carried a plumb line. White Mountain cake wore, pinned to her gown, a book of views taken in the White Mountains. Cinnamon bun carried a box of cinnamon and a bath bun in her hands. Minute cake came with a large clock face drawn upon paper, covering the front of her bodice. Corn cake created a laugh by donning a hideous corn cure advertisement. A picture of the hen, the best layer on record, stood for Layer cake. A coffee pot in one hand and a cup in the other distinguished Coffee cake very ingeniously. One gentleman, who appeared ludicrously arrayed in a flannel nightcap, was discovered to be Flannel cake. And so the merry list went on.

No cake revealed its identity on first arriving, but was particularly asked to keep this secret. Every member of the company received pencil and paper, with a request to write down the names of the cakes he recognized. This merry guessing required fully two hours, during which ice cream in all popular flavors was passed upon a tray by a maid.

At the end of the allotted time each cake delivered up to the hostess a list of the other cakes present. These lists were carefully read and compared by the mistress of ceremonies.

There were two prizes. In the case of the lady's the reward took the form of a dainty cookbook containing recipes for cakes only. The lucky gentleman was given a handsome silver cake knife.

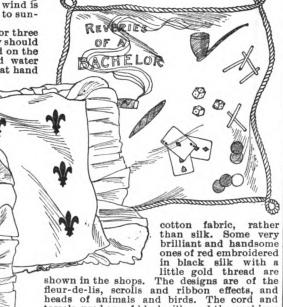
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More ice cream and cake followed, after which the hostess called upon her guests to pair off for a "cake walk."

Three times the paired couples circled the room, each couple endeavoring to outdo the other in ostentatious parade. Three judges appointed from the household circle watched the performance and decided the award of the prize a handsome fruit cake covered and decorated

tinguish himself by receiving a prize was given, as a consolation, a gingerbread man with features formed of cloves and other spices.

Referring to our illustration of sofa pillows, those most in vogue now are made of heavy



LATE SOFA CUSHION DESIGNS.

ironed on the wrong side, others need the smooth finish produced by ironing on the right side. If the irons are rough rub them with a piece of beeswax tied in a cloth."

Art linen is the very latest thing in wash shirt waists. Its quality, first of all, recommends it, the texture, soft and fine, yet with plenty of body to it, being admirable for the tailor-made waists. But it is the color to be found in the art linen fabric that most endears it to the shirt waist wearer. Such faded, farfound in the art linen fabric that most endears it to the shirt waist wearer. Such faded, faraway, old rose shades as it displays! Such dainty Wedgwood blues! Such lovely primrose buffs! Such warm, Pompeiian dark reds! They make the hues of the Madras, cheviots and linens that are not "art" seem crude indeed. Some literal minds may at first shrink from using for clothing the same material they would use for table and bureau covers, but anybody with an eye for color will fall right in line and have her new wash shirt waist made of art linen.

A flowered paper should never cover the walls of a room where many pictures are to be hung, nor should it be used in a long, narrow room unless it is relieved by a dark dado. These papers belong for the most part to bed rooms, where few pictures will go on the walls, and where the wall coverings are desired to contrib-ute a furnished effect without taking up room

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In choosing these papers it is necessary to exercise great care, as patterns that seem exquisite in themselves are often unsatisfactory when transferred to the walls of the rooms for which they may be intended. At many decorators, nowadays, model rooms hung with papers of varied styles are to be seen. An inspection of them will soon show the effect produced by the different patterns.

duced by the different patterns.

The newest laundry bag is a handy receptacle and decidedly practical. In addition to the familiar drawing string at the top, which allows the bag to be opened to its full width or drawn tightly together, the bottom is left open and there is a deep flap straight across which is fastened with buttons and buttonholes. When it is desired to empty the bag the flap is unbuttoned and the articles drop out, thus avoiding the necessity for dragging them through the opening at the top. One bag of this type seen recently was of broad check pattern in heavy linen, green and gray in tone.

The latest novelty is a Cake Contest. The in-

The latest novelty is a Cake Contest. The invitations invited to an ice cream evening, and the postscript added a request which gave a whint of the fun to come. It said: "Please come representing some sort of cake."

on.

No cake revealed its identity on first arriving,

to keep this secret.

with chocolate icing.

Each member of the party who failed to dis-



delicate shades.

Then the "Gibson" pillow is much seen. If one is able to copy Gibson's pictures in pen and ink onto a gray, tan or white linen, the effect is very good. The picture may be left in pen and ink, or may be outlined in fine black silk. These Gibson pillows are also shown in plain covers of dark strong tones, and are printed on in colors.

Feathers and down are expensive but if you delicate shades.

and are printed on in colors.

Feathers and down are expensive, but if you know a bank where the cat-tail grows you can have down pillows galore for the mere making. You must know that the fluff of the ripe cat-tail, which may be gathered in August, makes a pillow equalled only by down itself. So be provident this year, and if you live near a lake or pond, get a harvest of cat-tails for future use. You will find them the most inexpensive and satisfactory material you can employ for the purpose.

If it should be your fate to live in a section of the country where cat-tails do not grow, then substitute the silk from milkweed pods. Gather the pods in the fall of the year, hang them away in paper bags to dry, and they will burst open before the winter is over and can be made up into pillows in the early spring.



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Philanthropies of 1900.



HEN war, famine HEN war, famine and disaster have and disaster have a made up so large a part of the record of 1900, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that we learn of the philosthronics. the philanthropies which have been inaugurated and carried steadily forward during the year.

One of the most

touching and beauti-is the "blind hour," in the Conressional library at Washington. There are n this magnificent library, quite a collection of books for the blind, and this department has of books for the blind, and this department has a fairly large number of patrons; but it is obviously impossible to supply these readers with current literature, or with any large number of standard works, owing to the great expense of making the books with raised letters. But it occurred to some one that the blind could be read to, and out of that thought grew the reading hour for the blind in the room set apart for their use. Prominent people have given their time gladly, authors, professional people, all respond readily to the invitation to read for an hour; and once a week, regularly, the blind come in increasing numbers, to hear read what they cannot read for themselves.

This charity might be extended to other cities, even those whose libraries held no regular department for the blind. The need of the reading hour would be the greater where there were no books for the blind.

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Another beautiful philanthropy is the establishment of "Holiday House" near Long Island Sound, by the Little Mothers' Aid Association, New York. A roomy old mansion with extensive grounds was secured and fitted up for the delight of the "little mothers" of the great city. These children, who are too young to earn money themselves, and are therefore left at home to care for the smaller children while their nearnts are away at work are through their parents are away at work, are, through the aid of the Association, given a day of perfect happiness and freedom at Holiday House. The happiness and freedom at Holiday House. The Association arranges for the care of the younger children and takes the little mother off for a day of the keenest delight. When possible the child is kept for several days, during which time she is taught useful lessons in cooking or sewing, made tempting by interspersed romps on the sandy beach, baths in the surf and the many delights of the spacious grounds surrounding the fine old mansion.

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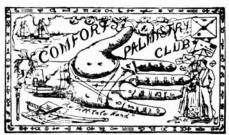
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Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

FIND, in spite of all that I have said about the time it takes to reach my subscribers, that a good many write to ask why their impressions do not appear, without taking into consideration the time that must elapse between the receipt of the impressions at our business office, where they have to be checked up and the new names entered upon the list, before they can be forwarded to me, and the time of publication. Please remember that after the impressions come to me it is frequently necessary to let them lie over a month, and that after I have read them it is six weeks before they appear in printed form. Therefore, please do not take the trouble to write in about your impressions for at least four months after they are sent. "Cody" has doubtless noticed that his hands appeared in the May number and had already gone to press before he wrote his letter. "E. L." writes in a letter dated Feb. 21st, making inquiry about her impressions. If she will turn to the November number, 1900, she will find that her reading appeared there.

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"L. C. B." has a hand which is very plainly marked, the lines appearing to be very straight and there are very few fine lines which are apt to confuse and mislead. The principal lines stand out very strongly marked, although the life line is broken which would lead to a possible misconception on the part of the reader. An experienced reader would doubtless claim that the life would end at about forty. I should say, however, that the life line was strongly reinforced by another line coming in at the age of thirty and extending on until the four-score mark is reached. There is a break, of course, which if it appears in the left hand should be carefully guarded against but the reappearance of the line which begins on the inner side would indicate that the life goes on as a second life line and makes up for the break. There are two passionate attachments in this hand, one which appears at the age of twenty and another at the age of thirty-five. The latter one causes a great deal of worry and perhaps brings about a complete change in the manner of living. I should predict two marriages. The fate line is exceptionally good and as this is one of the most important lines in the hand, it can be trusted to tell the story. This would indicate the long life which is corroborated by the double life line. It would also indicate that the person will be very successful in life although somewhat dependent on the favor or in fluence of of others. The little triangle at the bottom of the fate line shows good powers of generalship and that the person will be very successful in life although somewhat dependent on the favor or in fluence of of others. The little triangle at the bottom of the solution of t

is not more dis-tance between the beginning of the life line and the head line, as that would show the power to carry out good plans. Persever-ance is lacking in

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plans. Perseverance is lacking in this hand. I should say that the latter part of the life would be much more successful than the first part. There will be two marriages, but the subject will outlive both of them.

I have so many inquiries about the meaning of the star that I am going to quote Professor Hargett's definitions which differ somewhat from Heron-Allen's and are quite worth considering. You will remember that I spoke of Professor Hargett's work in the last number. He says: "A star on the Mount of Jupiter shows an actively ambitious mind, one that desires to obtain position, or power, and distinction, also one who will likely attain a good and distinguished place among men on account of his or her desires, ambition, great energy, and persistent efforts. This is more clearly indicated if the hand, as a whole, bears out the assumption of the ambitious subject." Always on seeing the star in this place, look the hand over for its general qualities. If in connection with this star the fate line is long,

clear, unbroken, extends to Saturn, and turns toward Jupiter to a noticeable degree, this increases the probabilities of the high honors desired by the subject.

This is still more flattering in its indications if the Sun line and head line are good, long, and well formed with a large mount of Venus, a good, well developed mount of Luna. This is indicative of an ambitious and good hand, one that will very likely succeed to a very satisfactory degree.

The star of Saturn or finger of Saturn indicates that the mind is active along morbid, unnatural lines or possibly that the mind is in an abnormal state. It is usually a sign of foreboding of some evil to the subject. It is especially bad, when the star on Saturn is connected with a hollow, flat, hard hand, or if the head and heart lines are out of their normal places. The star on the mount of the sun or the sun line, shows an active mind and one interested in literary pursuits. Such a person is fond of music, poetry and the drama, and possibly is active along one or more of these lines. This star is likely to bring honors thus indicated and is usually accompanied by lack of contentment, which in itself brings a continual striving for success, which is liable to be rewarded.

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On Mercury the star means interest and ability in some of the sciences, especially medical science, chemistry, physiology, anatomy, electricity, botany, geology, and such like sciences. It also shows cunning and secretiveness.

The star on the Mount of Mars, on the head line, the liver line, or health line, or Luna, or any branch of the head line or liver line shows disease of the physical organization, nervous disease generally, nervous headache often, especially if it is connected with the liver and head lines.

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A star on the line of liver shows liver disorders, biliousness. If the sign above this line is very bad it shows kidney affection as well.

A star on the line of Luna, running toward the percussion, shows rheumatism, neuralgia, or a person who is liable to such diseases.

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A number of stars about the lines of liver and head and Mars shows a person who is liable to become nervously prostrated at times. This exceeding nervous affection and at times prostration, is often so intense that it is the occasion of people taking their own lives. It is enough to make them almost insane at times.

A brilliant and active star on the head line in any place shows a nervous and excited state of the mind, in the certain direction indicated by the star, which almost amounts to disease at times; the mind can hardly get rest from its activity, indicated by that star.

The star on Venus, if you should find a good one there, would show an excited state of the affections, which would not indicate satisfaction always, but very great activity. It might not be a very safe or healthy indication of the affections.

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A star on the finger shows brilliancy of mind as on the mounts indicated, because the mind is excited and easily aroused on the subject shown to be interesting to the person having this star. A star on the finger does not show the mind to be so nervous as when it is on the

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For a star to indicate brilliancy of mind, the hand must be a good one as a whole, a good head line, sun line good; it needs an intellectual form, fine, thin skin.

If "Specialist" will look again at her reading she will see that I do not say that she will marry or have an offer of marriage at exactly twenty. I have often explained in this department, that when I mention an age it may cover anywhere within five years of the time which I say. It is impossible to locate the exact year when these things will happen from the impressions which come to me. I still maintain, after a second reading of this hand, that she is liable to lose a lover or an old and very close friend at the age of anywhere from eighteen to twenty-five years. I can also see that she is a very ambitious person and that it will be well for her not to marry but to carry out all the plans which her ambition would suggest. She lays too much stress on the marriage lines under the little finger; as I have often pointed out, these amount to nothing unless they are corroborated by the lines on the fate and life lines. I would advise her not to decide fully in regard to those love affairs until after she is twenty-five.

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N the year 1611, two children of a spectacle-maker in Middleburg, in the Netherlands, while playing in their father's shop, having gotten possession of two lenses, happened accidentally to hold them up at a certain interval from each other, and looking through them at the weather vane on the top of the steeple, were surprised to see how near it appeared, and out of this little circumstance grew the telescope of Galileo. peared, and out of this li the telescope of Galileo.

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HE salad recipes seem to be more popular with our readers than any others—at any rate, we others—at any rate, we are continually asked to give new ones, and thanked for "past favors"—so, as this the season for such dishes, we will give a few that will, we trust, give the readers some fresh ideas, particularly in garnishing.

The recipes for French and mayonnaise dressing have been given so

and mayonnaise dressing have been given so often that we are sure all our readers must be one green mayonnaise, which differs slightly from the usual recipe.

SALAD CHIFFONADE.

A salad chiffonade is usually a salad of fine shredded materials of several salad plants.

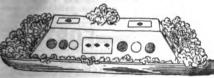
Cut peeled tomatoes in slices, and then in shreds. Cut a head of lettuce in shreds, the light and dark green leaves separately. Cut the whites of two hard boiled eggs in shreds. Dress each separately in French dressing. Arrange artistically according to color, on a large flat glass dish.

HINDOO SALAD. HINDOO SALAD.

Arrange 4 slices of tomato on a bed of shredded lettuce; on 2 of the slices pile shaved celery, on the remaining slices finely-cut water-cress. Garnish with small pieces of tomato and serve with a French dressing.

Arrange alternate slices of tomato and cucumber until 6 slices of tomato and cucumber until 6 slices of tomato and cucumber have been piled one on top of another; arrange on lettuce leaves, and garnish with strips of red and green peppers. Remove seeds from peppers and parboil 1 minute before using. Serve with French and mayonnaise dressing. with French and mayonnaise dressing.

MONTE CARLO SALAD. Remove pulp from grape-fruit, add an equal amount of finely-chopped celery, and apple cut



MONTE CARLO SALAD.

in small pieces. Mix with mayonnaise, mask with mayonnaise and garnish with cooked carrot cut in shapes, and truffles. This is a very decorative salad, for serving at the table. It is named from the use of the similes of cards and chips. The mound is covered, after being shaped, with a thin layer of mayofinaise, put on with a knife, as one puts frosting on a cake. Then with a spoon, or a very fine pointed tip to the pastry bag outline cards with green mayonnaise—two on the top and one on each side—putting on diamonds or hearts cut from beets, to show the spots on the cards. Then from beets and white turnips cut dice to resemble poker chips, and stick onto the sides. Garnish around edge of serving dish with parsley.

FRENCH DRESSING.
Mix 3-4 teaspoon salt, 1-8 teaspoon paprica,
2 tablespoons lemon juice and 4 tablespoons
olive oil.

TOMATO AND LETTUCE SALAD.

Peel and chill tomatoes. Then cut each, from the top nearly to the bottom, in thin strips, so it may be easily eaten with a fork—which is a difficult thing to do when a tomato is served whole. Place the tomato so cut—but which keeps in good shape because cut only about two-thirds of the way down—on a bed of prisp lettuce leaves; pour over all a small amount of French dressing and serve individually.

romatoes stuffed with NUTS AND CELERY. Peel and chill tomatoes. Cut out a circular piece at stem end and scoop out the inside, leaving cups. Fill with broken nut meats and celery cut in small pieces, mixed with mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce.

COWSLIP AND CREAM CHEESE SALAD. CowsLip and cream cheese salad.

Cook cowslip leaves until tender in salted water. Chop fine, season with salt and paprica and press into a mound; set aside to chill; slice cold cream cheese and arrange around the mound of greens and serve with either French or mayonnaise dressing.

SHRIMP SALAD.

Pare cucumbers and cut them in halves lengthwise; remove the seeds and steam until tender; chill and arrange on lettuce leaves. Clean and marinate shrimp, mix with mayonnaise and place in the cucumber shells, placed



GRAPE FRUIT AND PEPPER SALAD.

in the center of a platter, with the lettuce and steamed seeds around the edge. Decorate with

PEPPER AND GRAPE-FRUIT SALAD.

Remove the tops from 6 green peppers, take out seeds and refill with grape-fruit pulp, finely-cut celery and English walnut meats. Use 1-2 as much celery as grape-fruit, 3 halves of walnut meats and if liked 1-2 teaspoon finely-chopped green pepper to each serve. Arrange on chicory or lettuce leaves and serve with

GREEN MAYONNAISE. Mix one teaspoon each of mustard, salt and powdered sugar, add a few grains cayenne, the yolks of 2 eggs and 1-2 teaspoon vinegar. Add very gradually 1-1-2 cups olive oil; as mixture thickens dilute with vinegar and lemon juice, adding in all 2 tablespoons. To 1-2 this amount add 1-4 cup heavy cream beaten stiff, and color green.

MARGUERITE SALAD.

Arrange cress on serving dish; in the centre arrange whites of hard boiled eggs cut in eights lengthwise, to look like the petals of a daisy, and sift the yolks into the centre. When ready to serve sprinkle with French dressing.

COUNTRY SALAD.

Cut cold boiled corned beef into thin strips and pile in center of serving dish. Put a row of sliced cold boiled potato around the mound. About this put a ring of celery cut fine; then cooked carrot and turnip cut in straws. Garnish with parsley and pickles cut in fan shapes. Serve with additional dressing.

PEACH SALAD.

Cut ripe peaches into quarters, after having removed skins. Cover with champagne, chill thoroughly and sprinkle with rose leaves. Serve at once.

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All that was asked of those contributing was that they should save this rubbish, and col-lectors, dressed in uniform, would carry it

away.

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Sweet Brier, Idaho.—Ignore the young man who ignores you, of course. And also the young lady he goes with. (2) Girls of eighteen do have beaus, tho 'I think it is too young. (3) Girls of seventeen may go walking with bachelors if chaperoned. (4) It is not proper for a young man to help you up a hill by putting his arm around you, tho' he would likely tell you it was. (5) A young man should not kiss you good night unless engaged to you.

Ignoramus, Courtland, Minn.—I think a letter addressed to the soldier in care the War Department, Washington, D. C., would be the surest way to get him. The letter at San Francisco ought to be forwarded. (2) The only real place to get a graduating essay is out of your own head. All others are lies and cheats.

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Peach Blossom, Rochester, Pa.—Your love is apparently sincere, but it is best to check it. If the young man responds you will see it soon enough and clear enough. If he does not, for you to show yours will only make trouble for all of you, and no good. Try to think of some other young men.

no good. Try to think of some other young men. Thelma, Oxford, Kans.—If you are so homely that the young men will not notice you, make yourself attractive by cultivating your mind—judging from your note there is room for it.

Pansy, Sunnyside, Ills.—It is not so much that the man is divorced, as that you are but sixteen. Wait five years. There are worse men than divorced men. (2) A man of forty-five is old enough to tell a girl of fifteen that there is too wide a difference in their ages.

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Bly, Kirkland, Ark.—You might write to the traveling man if you know him to be a gentleman.

(2) Three months is hardly long enough to know a man to call him by his first name.

Butts, Yonkers, N. Y.—The man at thirty-five is not too old, but you at eighteen are. Wait till you are twenty, then it will be all right. If you love the man, and he is worthy, that is enough. (2) Put something bitter on your nails to remind you of your habit, and then exercise your power, and don't bite. (3) Of course you can board at the same place the man does, but people may make remarks.

Buttercup, Washteeno, Wash.—Yes, dear, try to make him a Christian, too, but don't think of marrying him for at least five years. Mind your parents.

Daisy, Olympia, N. C.—Don't encourage the

ing him for at least five years. Mind your parents. Daisy, Olympia, N. C.—Don't encourage the young man if you do not love him. That is dishonest and dishonorable.

Pearl, Kennard, Ind.—Why does a school girl, like you are, talk to me about loving a young man to desperation and say: "I have went with him for over a year!" If your love is as poor as your grammar, I am sorry for the young man.

Rosebud, Bennett, Pa.—Pretzel comes originally from the Latin word bracelus, meaning a bracelet, referring to the form of the pretzel. (2) Your questions about love are too silly to be answered.

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Blue Eyes, Doalthen, Ala.—I do not want to shake your faith in the young man who has been so kind and good, for he may really be sincere, but I hardly think his advice which permits so many familiarities is either safe or good. A certain latitude is allowed engaged couples, but a man to whom you are not engaged can hardly respect you if you permit him to kiss and caress you. "Hands off" is an excellent rule to observe.

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Alice, Rock Falls, Ills.—It would be a wise thing for a girl to tell her mother everything "a fellow says while he is with her." (2) Of course it does a girl "any particular good" to graduate. It shows she has brains and application sufficient to have conquered the course, if nothing else. (3) Girls may go to a dance without male escort, if chaperoned.

Rose and Violet, Camas, Ore.—If at all, very, very

Schoolgirl, Circleville, Ohio.—Doesn't anybody in Circleville, an Ohio town, know who are in Mr. McKinley's cabinet? Ask your Postmaster. If he can not tell you, he ought to be removed.

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Golden Rod, Knox, Maine.—It is not good form to chew gum in company. (2) It is worse then rude for young ladies to flirt with men. (3) Unless the young man is engaged to the girl she has no more claim on him than the other girls of his acquaintance. (4) A home wedding is more private than a church wedding, but no more "refined," I should say.

say.

Lol, Buffalo, N. Y.—Goodness knows if you and your sweetheart quarrel now, what you will do when you are married. Better not marry. (2) How can a man dine with his fancee before he is engaged to her? Isn't your French rather defective?

May, Riverdale, Pa.—Serve it on the same plate with the cream, or in separate dishes as you please.

(2) Suggest an evening when you will be at home to receive the caller; that is the correct thing.

(3) Offer the young man such refreshments as are most convenient. Cake, fruit, lemonade, cider,—anything most, that is edible.

Winnie D., Joseph, Ore.—If your sister clings to the young man, and you love him better than life itself, I think you had better pack up and move down into Utah.

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Fraulein, Austin, Texas.—If a gentleman is short enough to sit cross-legged in a church pew, I think he ought to be permitted to do so, though it isn't graceful or good form. (2) In case of a storm the young man might remain at the house all night.

Belle, Palace, Ky.—Yes, you may go to church with him, and leave the family at home. (2) You will find all the abbreviations in the back part of any dictionary. If you have none, buy one, at once. Knowledge, St. Joseph, Mo.—Your writing is very neat, but much too small. The big round hand is better.

Country Cousin, May Flower, Ont.—Pirst cousins' children are legally no relation to each other, it not being legal for cousins to marry. (2) Apply to the foreman of the printing office. Writers should apply to the editor.

Elva, Potrero, Cal.—"Thank you" is enough. (2) It depends on the man.

Sun and Moon, Cameron, Texas.—You are too young to be asking about the boys. Keep to your school books.

Bluebell, Charleston, Mo.—Choose the one you love best. (2) Stop at your mother-in-law's, of course. (3) Ask the caller to go to church with you and your mother.

Butler, Campton, Ky.—Call men "Mr." unless of long acquaintance. (2) Let him take care of his hat, or show him where to put it. (3) The man helps the lady put on her wrap. (4) Talking at the gate is permissible for a time. Ask the man in, if it is not late

Trixy, Rush Run, Ohio.—You should not only be scolded, but well spanked.

Languish, Berlin, N. D.—Answer to Trixy above applies to you.

Sapphire, Johnstown, N. Y.—Only be at home to the callers when you want to see them. (2) Don't accept a man's attentions regularly unless you are in earnest.

Lilac, Galloway, Ark.—Moles need a physician's are. (2) Lemon juice is good for freckles.

May Apple, Lowell, Kans.—Treat him as if nothing had happened. (2) No. (3) There is no gaining him back again. Let him go. (4) One girl at a time is enough.

time is enough.

Wayne Adair, Greeley, Kans.—Let your parents read the letters you receive from the young men.

(2) A girl of sixteen should be old enough to try for a certificate, but she is most too young to teach.

(3) Let the man see you like him, but not too much.

(4) Though engaged you should be allowed to accept ordinary attentions from men, as your fiance does not live in your town.

Amanda, Altoona, Pa.—Go out with the man you like until the other takes the hint and stays away. June Bride, Nevada, Mo.—Marry him on six dol-lars a week, if you have money enough to support you both. (2) An engaged man should call oftener than once every day and twice Sunday, if he has nothing else to do. (3) Can't tell till later. (4) A good remedy to keep hands clean in winter or sum-mer is to wash them.

Evaline, Washburn, Wis.—Study your books, not your handsome young school teacher. You don't want to be silly, do you?

Curly Locks, Tallapoosa, Ga.—It would be all people knew of it

C. K. M., Tigerton, Wis.—A boy cousin might be kissed occasionally, only. (2) Silk gloves are preferable to kid in summer, and of light color.

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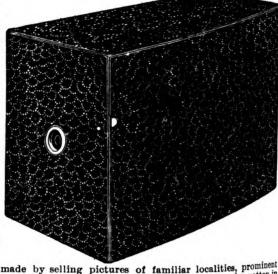


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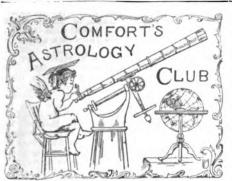
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CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1901.

AUGUST 1—Thursday. Hold fast to the pennies on this day, not venturing thy cash in any speculative enterprise; and make no contract concerning building or machinery. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday or if born about the first day of January, April, July, or October, of past years, see that no chances are taken of hurts or accidents from fire or animals and that perishable property is insured against loss from fire; be discreet in all business engagements and see that no litigation is begun at thy choosing.

2—Friday. Have care during the forenoon in all the elegant pursuits, especially if those pursuits are much concerned with the world of letters; literary efforts of a polite character are not as prolific of good as at most other times; during the middle and afternoon hours press all engagements pertaining to houses and lands or agricultural and mining products.

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3-Naturday. Use this day vigorously for all commercial and mercantile contracts; press correspondence, execute writings, adjust accounts and employ the mind to its fullest extent with literary and intellectual matters; be careful of thy money engagements in the evening when thy purse will suffer needless depletion unless a healthy check is placed upon the inclinations.

4-Sunday. This day is depressing and more likely to be contentious as it advances; it offers little encouragement to the clergy and church matters are not favored.

5—Monday. Fairly good for the most of the affairs of life; though the afternoon should not be taken for any literary undertaking or travel; mental efforts are not productive of much good, and social engagements are more likely to be productive of mental disquietudes than satisfaction.

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6—Tuesday. One of the choice days of the month to be improved to its fullest extent for the inauguration of new and important undertakings and for the advancement of matters of a political character; press all engagements with governing bodies, such as municipal or state authorities or large organizations of men or corporate institutions; buy goods to sell again; conduct business pertaining to the fine arts and horticultural and decorative works; the evening is peculiarly good for social entertainments and temperate pleasure-seek-ing.

7—Wednesday. More caution should be exercised in the general affairs of life on this day, when new ventures should not be entered upon and the attention should rather be given to routine matters; do not bargain for real estate nor expect much progress in such things already in hand; sign no writings as surety and be prudent in expenditures.

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8—Thursday. Push thy correspondence and all work pertaining to accounts in the commercial world; mathematical and scientific engagements are favored; social matters and the elegant pursuits are adversely affected for about forty-eight hours during which the fair sex should shun any matrimonial alliance; this is peculiarly true of the afternoon and evening of this day when elopements and hasty entanglements prove disastrous.

9—Friday. A vigorous and energetic day, full of hope and encouragement, especially for the classes of mankind engaged in the mechanical and manufacturing walks of life; deal in metals, chemicals, machinery, drugs, electrical goods, cutlery and hardware and urge thy ventures of such character.

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10—Saturday. Crowd all thy general business during the forencon, though do not make purchases for profit; the afternoon induces extravagance in dispensing thy means and threatens loss rather than financial gains.

Bin-Sunday. The mind turns too freely towards the pleasures of life and is likely to promote intemperate gratifications rather than religious discourse; quarrels and disagreements among lovers and the rupture of pleasant social relations will be marked during the passing hours; let all be prudent in associations and temperate in gratifications of all kinds.

12—Jiouday. Make no purchases of fancy goods in trade; expect to be baffled somewhat in thine engagements in the fine arts; have no dealings with banks or other classes of corporate bodies, and give preference to all kinds of literary work and the dealing with persons

in literary callings; use the evening hours for mental ef-forts of consequence, especially such as concern inven-tions and ingenious undertakings; do correspondence and travel:

13-Tuesday. Seek favor at the hands of public authorities or in government matters; deal with the chemist and electrician, military commander, manufacturer, and railway official.

14-Wednesday. Continue thine efforts of yester-day. Seek advancement in the afternoon from thine em-ployer or thy superior in authority, when also make purchase of goods for trade, and seek money accom-modations.

15-Thursday. Make contracts during the forenoon and during the noon hours with reference to real estate and its improvements or the productions of mines and agriculture; shun association with the very aged in the

evening.

16-Friday. Rise early and employ every moment of this day; deal particularly with persons employed in matters pertaining to amusements, wearing apparel and house furnishings or decorations; engage with thy tallor, dressmaker, or milliner and do all things requiring the exercise of special taste for best success; let the musician and artist improve the moments of this day to the utmost; buy fancy goods and fine wares. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday, the tender sentiments are likely to be pleasantly enlisted and agreeable advances in courtship or more enjoyable marital or social experiences come in these passing weeks.

17-Saturday. This day is exhaustive of the purse

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17—Saturday. This day is exhaustive of the purse unless a healthy watchfulness is exercised; don't speculate nor risk thy means in new undertakings; particularly avoid any contract concerning lands or their products; do not expect any money favor or property advantage from any transaction in the evening with aged persons or those engaged in agricultural pursuits; do not deal in lumber, wood, petroleum, coal, or any other productlof mines.

18—Sunday. The mind is active though inclined to dwell upon the peculiar and eccentric in literary productions; extemporaneous discourse from the pulpit will be full of original thought and peculiarity of expression.

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19—Monday. Seek favor from thy superior in the morning and crowd all honorable business that has been already established but do not make any beginnings in matters of unusual consequence; buy only sparingly to replenish thy stock in trade in the afternoon; seek money favors in the evening.

20—Tueaday. Actively pursue thy several avocations during all this day, giving preference, however, to the middle hours for dealings in real estate, boots and shoes, wood, lead, coal, and all classes of building materials; seek favors from thy landlord and persons in great mining enterprises.

21—Wednesday. Defer matters of much importance

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21—Wednesday. Defer matters of much importance on this day; do not sign writings or make engagements or contracts, particularly concerning money matters or corporate stocks; do not deal with printers, booksellers, stationers, or persons generally employed with the pen, nor seek to make collections on accounts or notes.

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22—Thursday. Improve this day for the elegant pursuits; attend to painting and all musical matters; purchase for use such articles as silks, fancy goods, and decorations; the day favors workers in wax, embroidery, milliners and dressmakers.

23—Friday. Generally a good day for the intellec-tual pursuits, for scientific and mathematical work but not for dealings with persons in public office or with large corporations; as the noon hours are passed let every energy be given to chemical work, manufacture and construction. and construction.

24—Saturday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday with increased vigor; the day is peculiarly fortunate for chemical experiments and for dealers in hardware, cutlery, firearms, metals, glassware, brass and iron work, and chemical and electrical apparatus, also for transactions with persons in the ingenious and mechanical trades.

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25—Sumday. Unfavorable for church matters; the brain and nervous energies suffer considerable detriment and nervous diseases will be considerably quickened for a short time; pulpit discourses will not give satisfaction, as depression will characterize the natural condition of the human mind for a short season and persons in literary callings generally have adverse experiences.

26—Monday. Due regard being had for naturally hasty impulses, the day is fair only for general routine work. Do not make any purchases of fancy or decorative goods or artistic materials; extravagance will be likely to mark thy purchases; keep a bridle upon thy tongue; keep out of controversy and be deliberate and prudent in all acts.

27—Tuesday. Begin this day with the dawn for it is

prudent in all acts.

27—Tuesday. Begin this day with the dawn for it is one of most excellent promise; bright and prosperous are the conditions for the merchant and traveler; the morning hours being among the very best for money dealings, the beginning of great and noble undertakings, for entering upon new business and for all classes of trade; also for engaging in literary pursuits and in all matters pertaining to books and writings, particularly if born about the 24th of April or 27th of August or October, of past years; do all important correspondence; let all engaged in the scientific pursuits be especially diligent at this time; prosecute mathematical studies, sign deeds, execute writings, and publish literary productions.

28—Wednesday. Give preference to this day for literary exertions; mathematical, chemical, and manufacturing engagements; though care will need to be exercised to avoid needless expenditure and losses in commercial trades.

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29—Thursday. Use the forenoon for pushing all business pertaining to banks and monied institutions as well as the manufacturing interests, but in the afternoon it will be wise to postpone all contracts and writings, correspondence, travel and all mental efforts; make no application for favor or advancement in thine employment on this day.

20-Friday. Generally fair for most of the second seco

ment on this day.

30-Friday. Generally fair for most of the undertakings in life though less than usual encouragement is given for political matters or dealings with incorporated bodies which are best avoided.

31-Saturday. Beware of speculation on this day; make no purchases of stock for trade; let the fair sex shun the matrimonial noose at this time and lovers see to it that their pleasant relations are not ruptured by jealousies and selfishness; social matters are entirely out of joint and the elegant pursuits are suffering unusual detriment; do not woo or wed.

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The City of Seattle.

The Kind of a City the City is that is Farther In the Land.

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IVE years ago the mourners went about the streets of Seattle and the visitor could well imagine that he well imagine that he had arrived in a grave-yard. The place had come up on a boom and the boom had burst, leaving a town full of houses and no reason for them. This reason for them. This state of affairs had existed several years when a change came in the autumn of 1896 with the discovery of gold in the Klondike. That set the boom going once more and it has been increasing ever since. There were some rumors that it would collapse after the Klondike excitement had abated, but Klondike is still paying and in addition have come the discoveries at Cape Nome and other points in Alaska, until it may safely be said that Seattle has a gold foundation, and we all know how valuable and

foundation, and we all know how valuable and lasting that is.

The town was founded in 1852, away out on

lasting that is.

The town was founded in 1852, away out on Puget Sound, about as far away from the Capital of the country as it could well be, and in 1855 it had grown to be a city of one hundred and fifty people. It was named in honor of Seattle, or Sealth, as his real name was, a red man who was a good Indian before he died, which cannot be said of the majority of Siwashes now residing in that neighborhood. And here let me say that Siwash is not the name of an Indian tribe as eastern folks think, but is the Chinook word for Indians of all tribes. In 1865 the city contained about 1,000 people, ten years later there were 2,000, in 1885 there were 10,000, in 1895 the population had gone to 50,000, and in 1900 it was 80,671. In the latter '80s the city had a boom of such magnitude that her population from 1880 to 1890 showed an increase of 1,112 per cent.; then came the big fire which swept away fifteen million dollars worth of property, and after it came the panic of '93 which was the last blow, and Seattle went into mourning until the Klondike strike restored it to life and hope.

At present it is about the liveliest town on the map and prosperity is apparent everywhere. She needs it too, for in the first boom times enough country was laid off into town lots to make a city of a half million of people, and enough street car lines were built to reach all the territory within miles. Seattle street cars are some rougher to ride in than a jolt wagon, but they are faster than walking and drier when it rains, and it rains a good deal of the time. The car lines run about six miles north,

are some rougher to ride in than a jolt wagon, but they are faster than walking and drier when it rains, and it rains a good deal of the time. The car lines run about six miles north, twelve or fourteen south, and three east, to Lake Washington, which is the fresh water front of the city, as Puget Sound is its salt water front. Town lots lie all along the car lines and naturally a great many of them are vacant, seeing that there are only 80,000 people to occupy space enough for 500,000. There is money in Seattle real estate, for land may be bought as low as \$75 an acre on or near street car lines, which will be worth more than that per lot inside of two years. As a sample of growth in values I may cite the instance of one man, not yet

move into it, a stranger just arrived insisted on giving him \$5,500 for it, and got it. A great deal of money has been made in this house

deal of money has been made in this house building business.

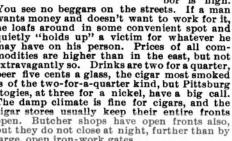
As Rome sat upon her seven hills and ruled the world, so Seattle stands on four and bosses the entire northwest. They are hills, too, and the way it takes your breath to walk up them or to come down them in a street car is a sensation you won't soon forget. The chief hill, As Rome sat upon her seven hills and ruled the world, so Seattle stands on four and bosses the entire northwest. They are hills, too, and the way it takes your breath to walk up them or to come down them in a street car is a sensation you won't soon forget. The chief hill, that is the centre one, rises about three hundred feet above the waters of Puget Sound, or Elliot Bay as it is called at this point, and it is toboggan all the way. When a street car goes up in a hurry all the passengers are piled in the rear of the car and when it goes down they are all shaken to the front. At least that is the way you feel and you cling to the sides or to any other support in reach. The terrorizing thing of all things though is to see a fire engine come down at full speed. A fire engine is a crazy enough looking thing tearing along the level, but when it comes down an incline of forty-five degrees it makes the gooseflesh rise all over you. But what views you get from these hills. Three blocks from the water front you begin to see over the tops of the houses on the streets below, and to the south rises Mt. Rainier, three miles into the air, white and

misty and dreamy, like something out of the spirit land while far about you in a great circle of white the Cascade Range sweeps around the horizon, a frame of everlasting snow six, seven, eight, ten thousand feet high, about a wonderful picture of green earth and silver waters.

Everybody asks first about the climate, and

it is a mighty hard thing for a real Scattleite to tell the truth about it. Generally speaking it is like the little girl who had a little curl that it is a mighty hard thing for a real Seattleite to tell the truth about it. Generally speaking it is like the little girl who had a little curl that hung right down on her forehead—when it is nice it is very nice indeed, but when it is bad it's disreputable, and that is all there is about it. The rainfall is not greater, if as great as in eastern cities, but it takes so long to get it, and there is a continuous drizzle for about six months of the year. But when the sun comes out and lights the glories of the Sound there is nothing on earth like it. It is never cold in winter or warm in summer, and although not exactly a bracing climate, it is one you will keep going in, and when night comes, how you will sleep, particularly in the wet season when the atmosphere seems made to weigh your eyelids down. Children seem to thrive in it, though they can't always get out to play, and the little ones do have the brightest eyes and the pinkest cheeks you ever did see. It is good for the women, too, but Seattle women are such an active, nervous, never resting lot, that they won't let themselves have the full benefit of it. Concerning this peculiar restlessness, I have never seen anything written, but I fancy that it is due to the fact that the majority of the women are not native born, and as yet they have not convinced themselves that they are permanently settled and they must keep on the go as visitors in any place always do. There are not as many handsome women as bright ones, and their taste in dress inclined to the quiet rather than otherwise. This may be due in some degree to the climate which is bad for gay attire during the greater part of the year. The men don't seem to care about clothes, and a silk hat on the street is almost enough to excite suspicion. A Seattle man is so busy booming his town and hustling for the almighty dollar that he hasn't time to bother with any more clothes than will suffice for the demands of ordinary respectability. How they do hustle, and how young they all look. The controlling spiri by and by.

Seattle's streets are a sight to behold. They extend out even unto the nethermost parts of the earth, and most of them are hard lines. extend out even unto the nethermost parts of the earth, and most of them are hard lines. The two business streets are paved with firebrick, some portions of the others are paved with wood and the balance are dirt roads. There are miles of wooden sidewalks and the crossings, off of the paved streets, ought to be manipulated under a ferry license. All of which is because Seattle is so new that it hasn't had time to make the walking good. Street names are lacking on corners, and houses are poorly numbered so that the stranger who tries to get around the residence portion of the town not only can't find what he is looking for, but presently can't find himself. Residences are of wood, and are tasteful in architecture with lawns that are green all the year around, and roses blooming at Christmas. There is but one detached brick residence in the city, and it cost \$40,000, which is fifty per cent. less than some of the big frame palaces cost in boom times, most of which are now boarding houses. Speaking of boarding houses, they are full to overflowing, and everybody down town who has a room to spare has a stranger within his gates at a good deal more than enough to pay his taxes. Rooms rent from ten to twenty-five dollars a month and board is from five to seven dollars a week. Hotels are not the best in the



open. Butcher shops have open fronts also, but they do not close at night, further than by large, open iron-work gates.

Though there are about seventy churches in Seattle, one never hears a church bell, because the churches don't have them. There is one I believe, but it is hidden away somewhere so believe, but it is hidden away somewhere so that its voice is almost lost. Vast amounts have not been spent on church architecture,

Sparking is also done by telephone and I have waited five minutes on more than one occasion for some young Romeo to break away from his Juliet and give me a chance—at mine, I was going to say, but will not.

Lake Washington lies back of the city a couple or three miles, and it is a grand body of fresh water from two to five miles wide and thirty-five long. Its shores are well adapted for resort and residential purposes. It is the fresh water front of the city, and when the canal connecting it with the Sound is completed it will be the finest fresh water harbor in the world. Lake Union lies between it and the Sound, and Seattle is the only city known that has a lake covering nine hundred acres within the city limits. All this water, and it is very deep water, gives Seattle shipping facilities second to none anywhere. From the water extend three lines of railway, the Northern Pacific the Great Northern, and the Seattle and International, giving direct communication with the North, South and East. Seattle does business, too, ships coming from all parts of the world, daily steamers to Alaskan ports, immense quantities of wheat. lumber, flcur and fish are constantly on the move, while the receipts of gold from Alaska are something to make one wonder. The U. S. Assay office was established in Seattle in June 1898, and in the first eighteen months eight thousand two hundred and odd miners had deposited their dust there in exchange for eighteen million dollars in the circulating medium. The greater part of the business done by the "States" with Alaska is done through Seattle, the merchants being especially equipped for supplying all kinds of materials for mining purposes. The outgoing rush in the Spring and the return in the Fall make those seasons particularly lively for the town. Mines of gold, silver, copper, iron, lead and coal are in the mountains near by, and speculation in mines is a great business. The capitalization of the mines in the state amounts to five thousand millions of dollars, which means that you ha

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

three daily newspapers, one barely started, and two, the Post Intelligencer and The Times, morning and evening, having all they can do to keep up with advertisements and subscriptions. The Post Intelligencer, popularly known as the "P. I.," is the organ for the whole northwest. There are over forty other publications of various kinds. Dailies sell at a nickle apiece, and a nickle is the minimum coin in circulation. There are numerous beautiful parks in which almost tropical vegetation abounds, and the

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day to Tacoma and piling up a record of over 70,000 miles a year, done in about 210,000 minutes, running time. Seattle has the bulk of the Alaska trade and there is a ship a day leaving for the North.

More umbrellas are sold in Seattle in a year than in any city of its size on earth. The western oyster abounds and it looks like a chewed paper wad and tastes like a copper rivet. Apples are found on the fruit stands that will just about fit in a man's hat, and cucumbers in market that won't go in a bootleg. The luckiest woman in Seattle is a Yankee, who rented the old Rainier hotel at twenty-five dollars a month for five years as a kind of caretaker just before the Klondike revival. At last accounts she was clearing \$1,000 months or here investment running.

twenty-five dollars a month for five years as kind of caretaker just before the Klondike revival. At last accounts she was clearing \$1,500 a month on her investment running it as an apartment house. Taxes are only about two and a half per cent. on a two-thirds appraisement. The population includes all nationalities, and every state in the Union is represented with a particularly strong contingent from the South. The people are delightfully hospitable, and they think their town is simply the only place on earth fit to live in. It used to be that they always asked a man what his name was "back East," but they have grown beyond that now and there is a 400 as aristocratic and as conventional as anything Ward McAllister ever engineered to social prestige. Pink teas and studio receptions and cotillons and assembly balls and literary clubs and things like that are found all over and they compare favorably with the best in the land.

So much for the Seattle of today, and the half hasn't been told, but it is as nothing to what it will be a dozen years hence. The enthusiasm of the people, their enterprise and energy, their loyalty to and confidence in their city and their perfect belief in its future greatness, is invigorating to see and to hear and feel, and when even the casual observer realizes the wonderful possibilities everywhere manifest, he throws aside his prejudice, foreswears his unbelief and tossing his cap in air he hurrahs with the rest of them from Seattle. He just can't help it, and when he is in the East again he wonders what it is that he misses and he involuntarily stretches out his neck to get a breath of the air he had been lately breathing.

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Think of the places where sports of all kinds may be enjoyed, including the popular games of golf, polo and tennis.

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The Boy Hero of Indian Key.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY EDWARD F. WATROUS.

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URING the thirties, whenever there was a temporary lull in the long existing hostilities between the United States government and the Seminoles, many settlers from the North flocked into Florida. Among the number who went there in 1838 was Dr. Henry Perrine, a man of wide culture and scientific attainments, who had spent some years in Central America and had recently returned from Mexico where he had

served as United States Consul. He had been deeply interested in the floriculture of those latitudes and was confident that under favorable circumstances many plants indigenous there, might be introduced successfully into our country.

For the purpose of a practical experiment Congress granted him a tract of land at the extremity of the Florida peninsula, to be converted into a botanical garden. This was to be his plantation; but as he had a family, consisting of wife, two daughters in early womanhood, and a son of eleven years, the question of a desirable location for a residence received his thoughtful consideration.

Many years ago this story of the home of the Perrines and the tragedy that severed its ties.this story of imminent peril and remarkable deliverance was pictured to the present writer with dramatic fervor and vivid coloring by one of the actors in the tragedy; although much of pathos and interest must be lost necessarily in its repetition, it shall be my endeavor "to tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

'After due deliberation it was decided that our home should be on Indian Key, one of the small, beautiful islands of the Florida Reef. containing less than ten acres and only a few miles south of the plantation, to and from which my father could go by sailboat. Its location was healthful, lying between the bay and the open sea, there was freedom from reptiles, luxuriance of vegetation, a lovely beach of coralline limestone, which with breezes from ocean and gulf made the water circled garden an ideal spot for a home. Several families were living there, making with their servants, a population of forty persons. In the number was a trader who had the only stock of goods south of Key West, seventy miles away; this proved a great attraction for the Indians who from time to time paddled over to the island to purchase necessary supplies.

"Our house, following the prevailing style, was raised upon piles and built over the water; it was reached by a bridge or footway, having occasional intervals between the boards to prevent the intrusion of disagreeable vermin, common to that latitude. In front, a landing or

narrow wharf extended out about ten or a dozen feet. The entire foundation was enclosed with a palisade of small palmetto posts driven into the marl, against which rocks were massed to exclude the living creatures, but not interfering with the free flow of the water. This gave us a luxurious bath house, reached from the kitchen by a trap door and flight of steps. The oblong wharf was enclosed in a similar manne.. and used as a kraal for sea foods; this, most fortunately as it proved, was covered with thick planks laid upon stout beams.

"We were very happy in our island home and in contentment and fancied security the months rolled away until nearly two years had passed. Occasionally reports reached us of disturbances between the white settlers and the Indians, but nothing occurred to alarm us. The natives had often visited my father's plantation and on several occasions, as a physician, he had been of service to individuals and his relations with all were amicable.

"On the night of August 6, 1840, a band of Indians under the chief Chekika, left the main land in seventeen canoes, and reached Indian Key soon after midnight, landed in silence and crept softly toward the clustered houses. All of our family were sleeping except my father, who sat by the bedside of my sick sister. Suddenly there rose upon the quiet of the hour, the blood-curdling war-whoop of the Seminolesthe 'Yo-ho-e-he', a vow of eternal natical and vengeance. No time was to be lost; my father extinguished the light, raised my sister in his arms and hurried us all to the bath house. In vain we begged him to stay with us; cautioning us to remain perfectly quiet he left, saying:
"'No, I think that I can stop this devilish

work, and the Indians will never harm their good friend, the white medicine man.'

"We heard the trap fall, a piece of carpet drawn over it, and my father's steps as he hastened to the roof, from whence he greeted the marauders in Spanish, then addressed Chekika, calling him by name, reminding him of their friendship and claiming his protection for his family. The chief replied slowly and with dignity:

"'We make war only upon men; we make no war nor draw the scalping knife upon women and children. Chekika never forgets a kind-

"After a brief consultation all moved away from our house and as we learned later, went directly to the trader's, whose unjust dealings possibly had instigated this visit, broke into the store, where they obtained an abundance of 'fire-water,' which prepared them for the cruelties that followed. Father looked in upon us for a moment, saying, 'I do not believe that we are in any danger; but remember, make no sound whatever occurs.'

"We could hear them at the other houses as the minutes dragged slowly by, and it must have been nearly two hours before that terrible war-cry again rent the air, as the Indians crazed by the liquor they had drunk, first circled around the house, then burst in the door and rushed madly up the stairs. Mingled with yells and curses we could distinguish the blows of their tomahawks and the fall of splintered wood, and knew that they had attacked the cupola where father had taken refuge. We heard his voice raised in entreaty and command, then a shot, and the exultant shouts told us too plainly what had happened.

"We were nearly paralyzed with fright and horror as we heard the Indians talking about. and searching for the 'white squaws.' huddled into the darkest corner and sat down in the water, in momentary expectation that our hiding place would be discovered. The dread moment seemed very near, when the seed chest was kicked aside, the trap quickly lifted and a dark face hideous in war paint thrust through the opening, peering into the gloom; so terrifying was this, that it seemed as if the beating of our hearts must betray us, and all gave a sigh of relief as the trap was again lowered. A number stood directly over our heads and discussed the question of our whereabouts, reaching the conclusion, 'The medicine man must have sent the women away in a boat while we were at the store.'

"This settled, in their drunken rage they began the work of pillage; they smashed the wincrockery, glassware, mirrors, everything breakable, with yells and curses accompanying each blow; they chopped the furniture into fragments and piled it in the centers of the cooms and out of the house. Having reserved all desirable plunder, they set the house on fire adding its flames to the holocaust raging around. In accordance with their usual tactics they danced and screamed around the flames until their attention was drawn elsewhere.

"Our house was lightly built and soon the floor above our heads began to burn; as some of the principal Indians were sitting on the wharf we dared not move, least their quick ears should detect the slightest sound. It was not long before the intense heat drove them away and as the situation was unbearable my brother and I by a desperate effort pushed aside two of

with our own apprehensions and grief at found clothing, merchandhe and other articles our awful bereavement combined to make us identified as part of the spoils from Indian Key, for a time insensible to physical suffering. At In the engagement our troops were victorious; length the smoke became so dense that we ten warriors were killed and thirty women and could not distinguish each others' faces. We were nearly suffocated and the planks covering our last refuge began to burn. Each moment added to our distress; we crowded to the outer edge of the enclosure and stood where the water reached our waists, we dashed water over each other and at last, dug up the wet marl and plastered it upon our heads, but in spite of all that we could do, our condition grew steadily worse.

"Henry was beside himself from the smoke, heat and pain, and regardless of our efforts to restrain him, broke away, exclaiming, 'I am going out; I might as well be scalped as roasted.' He worked out a stake, waded to the beach and stood upright on the white surface just as the sun rose bright and clear above the water. He was in full view of the Indians, but they were so engaged in sorting their plunder, rioting and feasting that the lad was unnoticed. Our own suspense was terrible, as certain death seemed to await him, when our own discovery would have been inevitable.

"Physical torture soon obliged us to take action and my mother dug away the sand from two posts and pulled them out, and just as the live coals fell upon our heads and shoulders, we stood outside the burning wharf, where to our joy and surprise was Henry with a boat. His first instant on the beach assured him that he was unseen and kindled afresh the desire to escape from our savage tormentors. Only two rods away was one of our boats, partially beached, having a pair of oars in the bottom. He dropped instantly, crawled to the boat, pushed it into the water, and concealed behind it drew it cautiously to the end of the wharf: the rising clouds of smoke effectually screened us, as in some unknown manner we scrambled into the boat, and while my mother held the fainting sister, Henry and I rowed for life and all that we held dear.

"Our progress seemed slow, but our young arms had strength given them for this bour of great need, and we pulled our little craft with its stricken load toward the open sea, without a thought that there was no harbor of refuge, but urged onward by the forlorn hope of escaping from horrors worse than death which threatened us.

"When the Indians caught sight of the departing boat they yelled and danced with rage, firing a number of shots, but we were beyond their reach. There was comfort in the knowledge that their canoes were on the landward side of the island, and it would be several moments before they could begin their pursuit of the frightened fugitives. I recall vividly the silence that fell upon us during those moments when so much was at stake. Not one word was spoken but my mother groaned in anguish when a war canoe rounded the island with eight braves disfigured with war paint, whose powerful strokes sent their light boat dancing over the waves, and how rowed as we saw them on our track!

"Our pursuers gained steadily in the unequal race, and we were almost despairing, when through the waving palms we caught a momentary glimpse of a flag; another instant and the 'Stars and Stripes' were in full view waving over a small schooner. With a promptness and decision marvelous in one so young, Henry stopped rowing, quickly tore his shirt from his back, tied it to his oar and raised it as high as possible in the air. The sharp report of a gun answered our signal, and the yells of fury from the discomfitted savages as they paddled rapidly towards the island, gave us double assurance of safety.

"A yawl boat promptly came to our rescue and in a few moments we were on board the schooner Medium, one of the revenue cutters, cruising about the Florida Reef for the protection of our maritime interests; the rising smoke had been seen at early dawn and all speed had been made toward it, but I shudder at the thought of 'what might have been', had the schooner reached the spot five minutes

"Our condition was pitiable; we were greatour clothing was torn, soaked and discolored; our hair was filled with the sand we had heap ed upon our beads, we were bruised and burned. but all was forgotten in joy and gratitude for our deliverance from the infinite peril of that night of terror.

"We received every possible attention from the officers of the Medium, and in due time were transferred to a United States transport, which carried us to St. Augustine. My father's untimely and dreadful death made a residence in Florida impossible; we came north, ever holding sacred the memory of the devoted husband and father, whose life, we believe was sacrificed in the hope of diverting attention from his loved ones."

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with the yells of the drunken savages, which Everglades to Cheksika's Island, where they children made prisoners. Among the former was the implacable Chekika: he met his fate with indifference; proud and defiant, with his dying breath he essayed to give the war-cryd his people, "Yo-ho-e-ne", to express his up dying hatred of the entire white race.

In Pursuit of the Ideal.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HOWARD MARCUS STRONG

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T was a Saturday altermoon of grand opera. From the expression on Frank. lin's face one would have imagined him deeply engrossed in the music. That was something of an art with Franklin; he could set his face at any degree of atten. tion and then wander away wheresoever his fancy might lead him.

Upon this particular occasion he was engrossed in the contemplation of the ideal. The contemplation had been in progress for many months—at a distance; but now, to his unspeakable joy, the object was scated at his side. Franklin feared lest he might wake at any moment and find it all a pleasant illusion, a fantasy conceived in his own mind by the power of music.

For once the Fates had smiled kindly upon the young man. The Ideal had found herself purseless before the box office, with a string of impatient humanity in the rear.

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incoherent words Franklin bowed himself be- min," he said apologetically. "And by the way, man to match him as a wife," broke in Belle's fore the Ideal. She demurred.

"Make up your mind before the show's over,"

shouted one in the crowd. "I hate the thought of your missing it,"

Franklin urged. "You are very kind," she said. "I thank you."

A moment later they were sitting side by side, endeavoring to overcome an embarrassing Bilence.

Many times Franklin had pictured to himself just such an opportunity. Every look, word and gesture had been duly rehearsed. He would begin with some commonplace, and then by logical sequence drift into witty repartee, with finally a touch of sentiment and perhaps a veiled declaration of his unbounded admiration. But at the supreme moment his usually active mind was one appalling blank. When the curtain descended after the first act, the Ideal

"Isn't it beautiful?" she murmured dreamily. "Beautiful!" he echoed, but it was her profile he had in his mind.

turned to him with her face illumined:

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Finding his rapt gaze directed upon herself, the Ideal blushed slightly and hastened to consuit her programme. After a moment's pause she said with some severity:

"I hope you will not think that I make a practice of accepting favors from strange gentlemen?"

"It is hard for me to realize that I am a stranger," he replied. "You can't imagine how long I have known you by sight."

"No?" said the Ideal, smiling behind her fan. From the time of their entrance Franklin looked forward with dread to the close of the performance. It came all too soon.

"You will allow me to call a cab for you?" he said, as they were moving down the aisle. But the Ideal would do nothing of the kind. The distance was not immeasurable and she could walk. Bidding him a hurried good-by she hastened to join the throng in the street.

It was quite late when the Ideal finally reached home, and she found both the dinner and her father's temper ruined by the long wait. Being without guile she detailed her little adventure with perfect candor and many blushes.

"Great heavens!" stormed her father; "can't you be trusted to go to a matinee without a nurse, a chaperone and a private detective? How could you so far forget yourself to take up with a low-

"O, father," pleaded the Ideal, "he can't be

"Don't interrupt me. I know. Low down scum of the earth. To think of such im-

"He was not impudent," she protested. "In everything he showed himself a perfect gentleman. It was only when he saw my distress over the loss of my purse-

"Loss of your purse! The idea of any one losing their purse! What if I should try to do business that way-what would become of us, missy? When you hear of your father losing anything, just let him know and he'll make you a present of a lot with a house on it. What's the fellow's name? He shall have his money back with a piece of my mind."

"I forgot to ask him his name," said the Ideal.

"Where does he live?"

"Will you promise not to be rude to him?-I think at the Dudley Club."

Closing his ears to all appeals, the old gentleman flung out of the house and boarded an up town car. His humor was not improved by stumbling over the extended feet of a fellow passenger.

"If you'll have the decency to remove yourself from a portion of this conveyance!" he growled.

"Don't get excited," replied the young man

addressed. "I'm not excited, you-puppy!"

"Don't call names."

"If I were to call you an-"

"If you do any more calling, sir, I may forget that you are an old man." "Old!"

"Fares," said the conductor.

"Old!" repeated the indignant passenger.

"Fares, please!"

As the old gentleman fumbled from one pocket to another, his face grew red and the perspiration stood out on his forehead.

"Singular," he muttered. "I've lost my pocketbook and haven't a cent with me. Conductor, you'll have to trust me until another time."

"I'm against trusts," sneered the conductor; "there's nothing in 'em for me."

"Don't you know me?" stormed the irritated gentleman. "I'm Wendell of the Atlas bank." "The last one," replied the conductor, "was

president of a college. Will you pay or get off?" "The loss shall be mine, conductor," said the young man, and he proffered two fares.

"Sir." said Mr. Wendell, greatly mollified, "you have done me a service which-

"Which is number two," laughed the other "I once had the pleasure of pulling you out of the water at Nantasket; you had been carried out beyond your depth."

Mr. Wendell coughed and stroked his fluffy.

white side whiskers.

"I thought your face familiar-ah-Benja-

I promised you a place in the bank for that act."

"Say we both forgot," laughed Benjamin. "But it's never too late to right a wrong," Mr. Wendell insisted. "You shall have the first vacancy. It mustn't be said that I ever was ungrateful. What's your address?"

"The Dudley Club."

"That is fortunate!" exclaimed Mr. Wendell; for now you can help me out of another difficulty. First of all, can you loan me five dollars? I wish to repay a villain who today insulted my daughter with his attentions. All I know about him is, that he is a member of your club, is smooth-shaven and when last seen was wearing a blue suit and silk tie."

"Just a little indefinite," suggested Benjamin. "So far the description fits me as it might a dozen others."

"So it does," Mr. Wendell confessed; "still, I shall be able to pick out the brute at first sight. I have a sharp eye for such characters. I trust you will second me in my endeavor."

Benjamin assured him by word and loan that his sympathies were enlisted. A few squares farther on they left the car and entered the club-house. A moment later Mr. Wendell was trying to force a five dollar bill and a torrent of abuse upon a meek little man who sat in a dim corner of the room.

"Don't deny it," shouted Mr. Wendell; 'you're the man-just the kind of an animal that would thrust himself upon an unprotected female. Not a word! Be warned! Next time you may expect your full dues."

Disturbed by the loud tones, several of the members advanced to hear what the trouble might be.

"Sir," said a large, solemn-faced youth, who had been following the conversation with evident interest, "I have to confess my fault. It was I who secured a seat at the matinee for your daughter. I must apologize for making you my debtor."

"Well, well," gasped the banker, "is it possible! It seems that I have been a trifle hasty. Just a moment-I will repay you. Where iswhere did-" but the quiet little man had suddenly disappeared from his seat in the corner.

Mr. Wendell grew visibly agitated. "Benjamin," he said, "can you favor me with another five? This man must be repaid at once.' As before, Benjamin came to the rescue.

"Now, my boy," said Mr. Wendell, "let us away. Honor is satisfied and my daughter no longer under obligations to any man. You must come home with me now-no excuses. come along."

Benjamin complied. As they ascended the steps of the banker's residence, the door flew open and the Ideal stood before them.

"Mr. Benjamin," the old gentleman began ceremoniously.

"Benjamin Franklin," the young man interposed hastily. "You have doubtless heard of my illustrious namesake."

"Pardon me," said Mr. Wendell, "so it is. Daughter, I am singularly indebted to Mr. Franklin. Once he saved my life, and within the past hour he has rescued me from at least three very embarrassing situations. It was he who assisted me in discovering your friend of the theater."

"Why, papa," cried the Ideal, "do you not know that this is the gentleman himself?"

Mr. Wendell's face grew very red, and his white side-whiskers seemed to droop with mortification.

"Franklin," he said hoarsely, "we will forget all about this little affair; we will say nothing to anybody about-" with increased emphasis "nothing to anybody. This young man," he continued, turning to his daughter, "starts in at the bank tomorrow as my private secretary. Now, I will leave you to congratulate him."

The Fascination of Knowing Why.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY CAROLYN HALSTED.

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formal little ladies luncheon the other day given by the wife of a prominent New York doctor to make known to her most intimate friends the engagement of her elder daughter before that interesting fact should be announced formally, while felicitations and best wishes were being showered upon the pretty heroine of the occasion, the aunt of the happy man spoke up with:

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"What I consider Belle is most to be congratulated upon is her sagacity in the choice of a husband. Tom is the best equipped young man to fill that position of any young man I know-

"And Belle is the best equipped young wo-

aunt, not to be outdone in upholding the honor of her side of the connection, "especially if the homely old adage is to be believed that the truest way to a man's affections is through his stomach. I doubt if there is another girl in New York with Belle's record as a household economist, though others are beginning to follow her new departure, and by-and-by it will be decidedly the fashion to thoroughly understand the whole matter of food and food value, household sanitation and domestic economy."

"What have you been doing, Belle?" asked an old friend of her mother's, seated at the opposite end of the table, and who had just returned from a sojourn in England.

"Nothing so remarkable," answered that young lady smiling, "only since you have been abroad I have taken up the subject of what we should eat, including the chemical value of food, the nutrients of food and their uses in the body, the composition of food materials, the pecuniary economy of food and dietaries and dietary standards. Does not that all sound very learned? In plain English it resolves itself into the fact that I have been studying housekeeping and how not to have dyspepsia.'

"Bless my soul!" exclaimed her mother's friend, "what put that sage idea into your head? I thought you belonged to the dancing set."

"So I do, but there is really nothing incompatible in dancing and dietetics. You know we had suffered so much in the family from stomach trouble and its numerous complications-though father is a doctor and a very good one, too-that finally I came to the conclusion I would try some new solution of the health problem, for I had made up my mind that though medicine was very good in its way, it was not what we needed."

"But how did you think of learning cooking"? questioned another inquiring friend.

"I have not actually become a first-class cook," and the young lady smiled again, "so much as I have come to an understanding of the scientific side of the food question. I already knew enough physiology and hygiene from my school books to appreciate that every one ought to take different ingredients into the system, certain things to produce brawn and muscle, others for blood and brain, but I had not the dimmest idea what father and mother or Gertrude and I ought to eat for breakfast and dinner to supply us with those required ingredients. When I began seriously to realize the enormity of my ignorance of this most vital matter, it did not take me long to determine on a process of enlightenment.'

"What did you do?" asked two or three voices, as Belle finished. "Do not arouse our curiosity and then leave us in the dark."

"I made inquiries about instructions and found out that I could get just what I wanted in Philadelphia. So I packed my trunk and started for the Quaker City post haste, somewhat to the amusement of the family who were a little incredulous about my new project and the probability of my accomplishing any results. I at once applied to the scientific demonstrator of hygienic cookery, and made arrangements to attend the lectures of the expert dietetician and of the State chemist for Pennsylvania. I began work the very next day after my arrival, and you cannot imagine how much I enjoyed it all in spite of mother's and Gertrude's predictions to the contrary. It was great fun learning about the oldest and newest wrinkles in edibles-why fresh butter is so healthy and melted butter, owing to the chemical action, we should avoid as we would the measles; why by a good many individuals bananas must not be eaten raw nor tomatoes cooked, and a hundred other seemingly trifling but really immensely important items of daily living.

"It was jolly fun, too, going over to the Woman's Medical College, donning a big apron and experimenting in the laboratory, testing and proving all sorts of chemical theories. How hard I did work! Some days I started at eight o'clock in the morning. But it was all so fascinating, learning the mysteries of food from its chemical and physiological aspecthow to prepare a bill of fare for a person suffering from consumption or typhoid fever, nervous prostration or numerous other ills that flesh is heir to."

"Her father says she is his right hand man since she has taken to domestic science," put in Belle's mother, beaming upon her offspring with maternal pride. "He intrusts to her the diet of his patients, and she makes out each menu in quite a professional manner."

"She has become a food expert, too," added Gertrude with sisterly zeal, "and is appealed to by editors for opinions on gastronomy, by promoters of health food for recipes and testimonials, by educators and physicians, by heads of training schools and hospitals who want her to lecture and to bring her knowledge and experience before the public for its edification."

"Why, Belle, I did not know you were such a remarkable girl," declared her mother's old friend.

"And all because I have taken the trouble to find out what every woman should know as a matter of course," laughed Belle.

"It was droll, though," she went on, "when I first came home and took the culinary department into my own hands. Mother was be-

wildered and the cook in despair when I started out to do the marketing, made up a written bill of fare for each day, and gave orders just how the different articles were to be prepared. But the outcome was so glorious, everything was so good and every one felt so good after eating it, that the whole household succumbed to my progressive rule, even the cook, though she has long continued to bemoan the banishment of her pastry and favorite cakes, the only cake I heartily recommend being sponge cake, plain or with jelly, cream, or other toothsome and wholesome embellishments, because sponge cake is the only one made without melted butter."

"Besides," added her mother, "Belle's new acquirements have broadened so greatly her capacity for usefullness in the world. She has taken up work among the city's poor. She visits the mothers and wives, first attracting their attention to the subject of hygienic diet by demonstrating how they can save half the expense of living if they buy and prepare according to the simple rules of health and laws of nature. She explains the evils of intemperance and its most effective preventive, nourishing food."

"Women have been slow in advancing household matters," concluded Belle. "They have a way of clinging blindly to the domestic traditions of their grandmothers without investigating for themselves. Some of us are suffering now for the sins of those same dear, delightful grandmothers. I have proved that knowledge is power and pleasure, too. I used to despise the thought of cooking, now I revel in the construction of new food combinations to contain the exact constituents for health and development."



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HE was a strikinglooking girl. Every one in Bixby said whatastriking-looking girl Vic Hammond was. They called her Vic Hammond before she had been in Bixby a month. The young men said that she was a study in black and white, for she always dressed in those colors.

She was handsome. There was no denying it, although she was sallow and thin and her features were far from perfect. Her hair was so black that it looked blue at the roots, her eyes were big, bright, and full of mocking mirth, or they seemed so. Her lips were red as a cherry and beau-

tifully curved, her form angular but graceful, her hands well formed and muscular, and with a habit of talking quite contrary-wise to what she was saying, so that people took to watching them after awhile to get at her real meaning. When, for instance, she was talking primly to Mrs. Boone, the great lady of the town, who, however, was a miracle of boredom, not to say vanity, her long, lithe fingers were a whole pantomime of fun; when Ben Boynton fell in love with her and told his friends he meant to marry her and settle down this time, she heard of it and talked to such purpose with those slim fingers that, despite the courtesy of her tongue he took his fascinations elsewhere. She was contrary in other things, too. She always did things out of season, one might almost say, out of fashion, only Vic Hammond made a fashion things out of season, one might almost say, out of fashion, only Vic Hammond made a fashion the moment she adopted it. She always dressed in black and white, but on her tall, dark, daring person it might as well have been a vivid scarlet for the impression it made. Sometimes it was a plain black, perfectly fitting dress, buttoned up behind because others wore theirs fastened in front, and with it she would wear plain white linen collars and cuffs; but then no one else was wearing collars and cuffs. Again, when high neck wear was the style she took to wearing her dress cut low with a velvet ribbon about her neck. It wasn't becoming but there was a distinction about it that the other girls with prettier necks could never attain. She rode a wheel when no other girl in Bixby had thought of doing such a dreadful thing, and when wheels became common she rode horseback, cajoling the farm lad where she boarded to catch a half-broken colt for her and riding it like a centaur in less than a week.

By this time the school directors looked troubled, but said she came well recommended and that she kept the best school Bixby had ever had. The young ladies hated and admired her, the young men talked disparagingly of her to them but were at her beck and call any time that she signified her august pleasure for them to approach. The young minister fell under her spell after a time and then there was a

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Vic didn't know it, or if she did, she didn't care, but Mrs. Howard Payne had selected him for her Marcia the very moment he came to Bixby pulpit, and Mrs. Boone was known to have invited him to her house and left her niece Annie to entertain him, besides sending Annie over to consult with him about the hymns. She sang soprano in church and Marcia sang alto. Vic sang either or both, at her own good will, but she sang it from the congregation, as she had not been considered a proper person for the choir. The young minister considered her voice glorious and said so, thus scoring another black mark against her when there were plenty before.

"If it were not for her sister," people said, and then straightway the image of a small, quiet, pretty woman who kept house for Vic, would silence murmurs for the time. Yes, this sister covered Vic's multitude of sins as with a pure white mantle. She was so gentle, so quiet, so meek under Vic's dictatorial manner that everybody spoke well of the inoffensive little woman from the outset. "Vic could not be altogether bad with such a sister," they said.

If Vic was contrary, Emma was always ready to agree with one even to the point of saying it was a pleasant day to an inadvertent remark, even though it might be pouring at the moment. Then, too, she made excuses for Vic's manner. "She doesn't mean half she says. Vic always is her own worst enemy," and speeches like these which showed Emma's forgiving spirit, for it was evident that Vic nagged her sister constantly, even following her about to interfere with her movements.

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"She can't come into my part of the house," said Mrs. Storer, where the sisters had rooms, "but Vic is right after her and Emma follows her back as scat as she can be."

Yes, clearly, Emma had much to bear. As time went on and the sisters had been in Bixby nearly a year, there were hints of Vie's frequenting strange places for a young lady and a teacher. She was seen there late at night with Emma, who it was said followed her and brought her home. After a time reports grew and darkened until the townspeople believed Vic not only drank but did worse. Emma grew paler and more haggard while Vic taught her school and become more audacious each day. She scolded her sister one moment and would cry over her the next, or so Mrs. Storer said, and she added the comment that she didn't see how Emma could live, and that somebody ought to interfere. But somehow, inter-

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ference didn't seem easy under the battery of Vic's black eyes.

About this time, the young minister stopped calling on Vic, and the druggist's clerk hinted to his young lady something about morphine. She was not to tell, but in a week everybody in Bixby knew the druggist's clerk had said that Vic Hammond was a morphine fiend. That accounted for her fierce ways and queer looks and her treatment of her sister. Next, Mrs. Storer whispered to one of her cronies about articles of finery disappearing and as mysteriously returning. In a week's time she was quite bold in declaring that since Vic came to her house, not a drop of liquor could she keep, only she hadn't dared mention it before.

Everybody "dared" by this time and the dreadful things that were said of Vic Hammond were many and varied. Strangely enough, they all seemed to have a foundation in truth. If this were so, Miss Hammond was not a suitable person to guide the youth of Bixby, and so Mr. Carter was deputed to call by the school board and tell her that her services would be dispensed with. She met him like a duchess and received her dismissal like a queen, but she made one remark which surprised him. It was this, "I did not expect to stay so long. I seldom do."

"That stamps her," he told his colleagues when he returned to them. "The man that recommended her ought to be prosecuted," he declared vigorously, as he mopped the perspiration from his face. It was a day in July and the interview with Miss Hammond had not been of the soothing order.

That night Vic fell ill, and at midnight Emma was brought in from the street where she had been knocked down and run over by a cart. She did not live but a few minutes and it was all over before Mrs. Storer had sufficiently recovered her senses to go to Vic with the dreadful news, which, in view of Vic's illness, she felt required some consideration. She accordingly sent for her next door neighbor and together they went to Vic's room and told her.

"Thank God," said Vic, sitting up in bed, her black hair flying do

dead?"
"Yes," they whispered, starting back in affright. What manner of demon was this, to speak so of a sister, an only sister? They thought they knew her but this disclosure was more than their ordinary every-day minds could master.

"I don't believe you. I will go and see for syself," she said, deliberately climbing out of myself, bed. She was surely ill and maybe wandering in her mind for she staggered as she tried to walk. The women started to help her but she waved them off and like a beautiful demon she stalked into her sister's room, while the women followed her as if dazed.

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There she lay, the pretty, pale, golden haired child, who in life came scarcely up to her sister's shoulder. Her injuries were internal and she lay there cold, placid, with a smile on her lips as she had so often smiled. Vic seemed to have spent her wild savagery in her own room, for now she took up the tiny, snowy hand and kissed it. Then she parted the golden hair on the white temple and kissed her there.

"Poor little sister! Was I naughty to you sometimes, dear? Sister didn't want to be. Yes, she is dead, quite dead," she said, looking at the two women. "I am glad. I have never been glad before, at any rate not in a long time. I can rest now," and she went to her chamber, lay down in her bed and crossed her arms on her breast. "You may leave me now," she said to the women, and they went their way, too dumbfounded for words. They could only look into each other's eyes and gasp, "Who would have thought it? She might have murdered us all in our beds."

"I've read of such folks but I never expected to see one," said Mrs. Storer.

In the morning, Vic was raging in a high fever. "She is dead and now I can die. I am so glad for I'm tired of living. I wanted to die but I couldn't until she did. You know how that was," she said to the doctor.

"Yes, I know," he said, soothingly.

"You are a bright man and you can see now that I have got a chance to die. We were alone, Em and I. Mother left her to me. I had to live. Poor Em! she looked like an angel, didn't she?"

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"Well, she wasn't quite. What have I been saying, doctor?" she asked suddenly, with sane, questioning gaze.

"Nothing of any consequence."

"O, I'm so tired, I want to die. Don't you think you could let me die if I paid you well?"

"I want you to live, Miss Hammond. You have a splendid vitality and are so young."

"Young! Why, I am a thousand years old. I've lived through eternities of suffering. I shall die tonight, doctor, and don't you forget it," she said with her old reckless manner, intensified by delirium.

The night wore away with doctor and nurse to watch. Toward daybreak she whispered, with a faint, wan smile, "I knew best. God is going to let me die. Poor Em!" and she breathed her last, while the watchers stood agape with the tragedy of it all.

Both dead! both fair, beautiful sisters, but a few hours before so full of youthful life!

News was sent to Rev. Stanwood Hastings who had recommended Vic as an able teacher.

"She was a noble woman," he said as he stood looking down upon the pallid face in the coffin where Vic lay.

"You mean her sister, this one," said Mrs. Storer, indicating by a wave of her hand the smaller coffined form beside her. A qualm of disgust crossed Mr. Hastings' face but it was quickly banished.

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"Poor soul! she could not help it, perhaps, but she killed her sister. Is it possible," he exclaimed, seeing the surprised faces about him, "that you did not know Emma Hammond as she was?"

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"We thought Victoria was the one, not Emma," said Mrs. Storer after a time the light slowly breaking on her mind.

"Emma Hammond from her childhood was an inexpressible care, a torture to her sister. She watched over her night and day, returned the articles she stole, brought her home from beer saloons, followed her into the street and least the from consuming mornhine as much kept her from consuming morphine as much as possible. Victoria was a fine teacher but she could never stay in one place long for Emma behaved so badly that they had to leave. You must have been strangely blind in Bixby."

"Well, they are both gone and I am glad that they are in God's hands. Vic suffered tortures daily but was strangely proud. Nobody knew it. Her parents were known to me. The mother was a lovely woman, the father what Emma

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was. She inherited his vices. Perhaps the blame was not hers but his alone. God knows, God will judge."

The Boiled Codfish.

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ORTUNE Fairfax had but just dropped the plump codfish into the big cauldron hanging on the stout iron crane within the stone fireplace, where she was preparing the hearty evening meal for the family.

" Haste thee, daughter, with that new root vegetable-its name doth ever elude my lips!" hurriedly spoke her mother.

"Po-ta-to, thus, mother," enunciated Fortune slowly and laughing. "Make it into syllables and-

"Plunge in the pudding whilst the water seethes fiercely, Fortune. Didst sprinkle it freely with the dried plums thy brothers love so well?" commanded and questioned Mistress Fairfax, interrupting her daughter, and ignoring further notice of the vegetable's troublesome name.

But as she stepped swiftly to and fro at the spinning wheel, drawing fine the soft lengths of white fleece, she muttered low to herself, 'A barbarous name, a truly savage—."

of white fleece, she muttered low to herself, "A barbarous name, a truly savage—"
The heavy oaken house door that had been left unbarred swung quickly in on its hinges, and a tall Indian followed by two others strode with light footstep to the fireside.
With no further salutation than a hoarse "Ugh!" the foremost of the unannounced and unceremonious visitors thrust his brawny arm down into the kettle and drew up the scalding codfish, then abruptly made for the door with it, the two other Indians stolidly following.
"Not so fast, Master Redskin! Yield thy unlawful plunder. Nay? But thou shalt!"
And while she spoke Fortune nimbly snatched away the steaming codfish, and slapped the thief squarely in the face with the back of it, then deftly soused it in a bucket of clear water, and wiping it with a fresh towel, she calmly replaced it in the kettle.

The purloiner after another discomfitted "Ugh!" passed on with his companions out at the door and disappeared.
"Fortune, child! Whatever hast thou done?" exclaimed her mother in affright. "Oh, child, thou'st fearfully angered the Red men, and thou well knowest what that augurs! And what will thy father say?"
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after his long day of toil, rather than that it should have been devoured by yon lazy thief. I could not bide that my father and my brothers should go lacking their needful food, and this the last fish left in the tub!"

Brave Fortune spoke sturdily in the glow and excitement of the moment, yet afterward her heart misgave her, when she remembered that her father had distinctly charged all the family not to in any way give the savages cause for offence, as he was most anxious to keep the peace with them if it were possible.

And she had forgotten it all, and was the first one to create a disturbance! While to what direful consequences might her careless thoughtlessness may hap lead?

The blazing logs in the great fireplace lighted up the spacious living room, finding bright reflections in the shining silver cups and tankards on the square oaken table spread with its spotless cloth and made ready for the evening meal; while around the table were set the high-backed chairs, awaiting the home coming of the hardy pioneer and his six stalwart sons from their labor at clearing the wild forest land for cultivation.

Supper was all ready to serve and Fortune went to the door and looked down the pathway leading to the wood, hoping to see her father and brothers coming on their homeward way.

Yes, there they came, in "Indian file," each

Yes, there they came, in "Indian file," each his woodsman's ax swung across his

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A goodly sight, truly! So seemed to think Mistress Fairfax, who had but just finished her "stint" at the wheel, and was looking over her daughter's shoulder, with her hand shading her eyes from the last bright rays of the setting

her eyes from the last bright rays of the setting sun.

But she did not hide the smile relaxing the firm curve of her lip, and the line of anxious care that had been brooding over her face since the visit of the Indians was smoothed away.

"Good e'en, good e'en!" were the hearty greetings, as the family all met again, which meant much in those uncertain days.

One of the brothers broke off a cluster of the bright seed balls from the rose tree standing near the door stone, as they passed it, and tucked it into the glossy knot of hair coiled high on his sister's pretty head.

When they were all seated at the table and the sincere words of grace were said, Fortune gravely asked:

"How likest thy codfish, father? Dost find it to thy taste?"

"Aye, 'tis so, daughter, that do I, and was but just commenting with myself on the unusual savoriness of the dish."

"And thou hast remembered the sage in truth, this once, Fortune!" declared her brother Harold, who liked to tease her.

"It lacketh not further spicing than that yet, forsooth, to its seasoning!" was Fortune's laughing reply to his good-natured raillery.

"And, moreover, it came nigh to going without any spicing whatever, save mayhap that of hunger!" added Mistress Fairfax, in troubled tones.

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Master Fairfax looked up quickly at his wife, alarmed at her words and their tone, and asked:
"What mean you, wife? Has there been trouble?"
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Then Fortune had to tell all about the adven-Then Fortune had to tell all about the adventure with the nimble thief, and which she related simply and discreetly, yet withal so roguishly and drolly that, notwithstanding their anxiety her father and brothers could not but laugh, and that right merrily.

"He went away wroth, saidst thou, Fortune?" asked her father.

"Aye, that did he, fiercely angered! I thought to have seen the savage turn on the saucy maid and deal her a most direful blow!" answered Mistress Fairfax, pale at the remembrance of it.

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"Tis true too often, yet beware, Fortune," her father gravely replied, "as I aforetime warned you, against angering the Red men. They look upon us, and not wholly without reason, as intruders on their native soil and rights. But no great harm hath been done, since the savages went away sullen."

Relieved of the lurking fear she had vainly tried to ignore, Fortune's naturally gay spirits rose again, and she rallied her brothers on their unlimited fondness for plums to their pudding.

"How findest thou the pudding, Gregory? Are the plums plenteously sufficient this time, Alfred? I feared me, verily, to have seen you lawless savages make off with the whole winter's store, whiles I encountered for the codfish."

fish."

"In truth, the pudding is right edible, sister. See ye not the proof thereof in our eating of it?" gaily replied the hungry youths, between good mouthfuls.

As the family sat about the fire, listening to the tales told by Goodman Fairfax of the Mother country and the dear old home across the water, Fortune suddenly ceased the rapid click of her knitting needles, and glanced quickly toward the uncurtained window.

But not quick enough, Fortune, to note the dark eye peering in on you all, with anything but a friendly look, although you did hear the subdued rustle of a softly moccasined footstep.

"What didst hear, sister?" asked her brother Ralph, who had observed her quick glance toward the window.

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"The rose tree brushing 'gainst the window pane, methinks," calmly answered Fortune, quietly going on with her work.

At breakfast next morning, Mistress Fairfax said to her husband, "Go not to the wood today, father, but find work near home, for I fear me those savages mean us mischief!"

"Nay, nay, mother, have no fear, we're safe yet, so long as the Redskins are surly," her husband answered cheerily. "Besides Fortune

yet, so long as the Redskins are surly," ner husband answered cheerily. "Besides, Fortune is a host in herself, and will protect you. Guard our supper well, daughter," he added

"Aye, aye, sister, you well know how famished we all shall be, so save us our supper!" shouted back to her her brothers.
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"That will I, have no fear!" Fortune gaily sang out in return.

But a little while after, as she was taking the heaped up ladlefuls of sweet fresh butter from the big churn, there came a tap at the house door, and when she opened it, in marched, in solemn file, the same three Indians who had the day before presented themselves there.

They went first to the fire and silently warmed their chilled hands before its genial blaze, then very politely they asked Mistress Fairfax for something to eat.

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good will toward their white brother, and to all his family, they took their leave.

"Well, it doth rest my mind, and right glad am I to see the Red men so civil, and thus friendly, for I have been in fear of great peril all the morn!" spoke Fortune's mother, with a deep sigh of relief.

But Fortune answered only, "Truly, mother!" Again an abundant supper welcomed the hungry laborers, on their return home to the comfortable log cabin near to the primeval wilderness.

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Father and sons had apparently forgotten all about the yesterday's episode, in doing full justice to the good meal prepared for them, until Fortune quietly remarked, "The Red men were here again today, father, and they were wondrous polite, too, and kindly disposed toward their white friends."

"Eh! What say you, daughter? That the savages were civil and gracious? In truth and indeed then, now are matters become serious and alarming!" ejaculated Master Fairfax.

"My sons, this very night, nay, this very in-

"My sons, this very night, nay, this very instant must we gather together our cattle and household goods, and at once start for good

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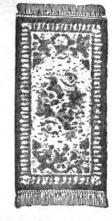
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So they did. And next morning's sun shone down on the deserted homestead, now only a smoldering ruin, like many others, though they and their friends all escaped their savage enemies.

And one of those stout old high backed chairs, that were set around the big table in that pioneer home, and which came to this Now World in the good ship Mayflower, is yet stanch and strong.

For the story here related is a true one, told slowly and patiently ascending a steep pass with a parlor organ on its back and a number of smaller articles beneath the organ. Many of the nomadic miners and "prospectors" transport their entire worldly possessions, their picks, shovels, bedding, sheet iron stove, clothing, wheelbarrow and all their other mining implements from place to place on the backs of their burros.

One will often meet a train of seventy-five or

the finest collection in existence and can never be duplicated, as basket making is already dying out among the Indians. This collection numbered about two hundred and fifty pieces, at least half of which would be worth from \$100 to \$250 apiece in the market. Many of the specimens are sacrificial baskets, which require from one to three years to make and are seldom for sale, as they are generally burned upon the death of their owners. a hundred of them coming down the trails forming a veritable freight train in charge of two or three drivers. Sometimes the pass is so narrow that the little creatures must walk in single file. Their gait is slow and plodding and they are not to be urged nor coaxed into a more rapid gait under any circumstances. They can get along with almost no other food than an occasional tuft of brown grass in the lower altitudes, and they will nibble daintily at the

sage brush as if they found it both palatable and nourishing.

One may see a great many donkeys in the West Indies where they carry incredibly bulky and heavy loads. A resident of the island of Jamaica told the writer that he once saw a big, robust negro going to market with a tiny donkey loaded so heavily that it could hardly stagger along. Many pounds were added to the burden of the little beast by its owner who had perched his own bulk on top of the load destined for the market.

The gentleman said that he stopped and told the negro that the little animal was too heavily loaded and that the burden should be lightened.

"Yes, sah; dat's so, sah," said the negro with the ready and cheerful acquiescence of his kind. "Pil mek de load lighter, sah."

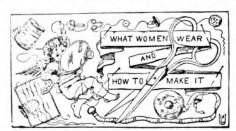
He jumped off the donkey and, taking a large and heavy cask filled with some kind of a liquid from the donkey's back, transferred it to his own woolly head and then calmly reseated him-



self on the top of the load saying as he did so:
"There, massa! I reckon dat will lighten de This is a fair illustration of the intelligence

This is a fair illustration of the intelligence of the rank and file of the negroes of Jamaica. The little burro is so patient, so gentle, so industrious and bears his hard lot in life so meekly that he deserves better treatment than he usually receives at the hands of his owner.

The kaleidoscope was invented by Sir David Brewster, of Edinburg, about 1817.



WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HE smartest women are wearing long coats of linen, though a particularly good model is a three-quarters length and will be invaluable for driving or traveling, when a light wrap is necessary. A piping of black satteen serves as a finish, while a heavy stitching borders it all around. The full, over-lapping collar is of the coachman's order, with a new touch given by the turned-back edges of the upper collar in pointed tabs, each caught with a large smoked pearl button. The half-fitted front is ornamented by two or three tabs, which button back on themselves when the coat is is left open, and fasten wosite side, if it is to be worn

ton back on themselves when the coat is is left open, and fasten across to the opposite side, if it is to be worn closed. There are plain coat sleeves, and a half-fitted back belted in with a belt of black satteen, stitched, which passes through the opened side seams and fastens underneath in front. Then for those of more severe tastes are the long, plain coats, with loose back and front, raglan sleeves and strapped seams, making a yoke effect, and the small turn-over coat collar. This may truly be said to be a linen season, so given over are all up-to-date women to the wearing of this serviceable fabric. To be sure there are smart gowns of the coarser linens made up in tailor fashion for morning wear, and some very fetching rigs with a circular flounced skirt and soft blouse bodice, buttoned at the back, and sometimes supplied with three box-pleats running up and down the back and front.

Gowns like this the shops are displaying all ready

the shops are displaying all ready for immediate wear at \$5 and upward. Colored linens in grays, blues, and reds, are certainly very much in favor and are wonderfully smart when fully smart when trimmed with bias bands of white satteen, embroidery, or any of the heavy laces made up for the purpose. Grass linen of great fineness, embroidered in all-over designs of scrolls in warm



all-over designs of scrolls in warm Persian colors, is exceedingly beautiful. Heavy twine-colored cluny insertion, elaborately with linens, the bright gleam of gold being most effective with the dull color as a background. Coarse grass linen makes up beautifully for cool little gowns, which are frequently trimmed with stitched bands of taffeta in the same shade in graduating rows on the skirt and bodice with often a chemisette of white tucked lawn as a relief. These bands of stitched taffeta in all colors can be bought ready made and are very easily adjusted and certainly do impart a wonderful air of finish. Satin folds, so difficult to make properly, may also be bought in this way and are also very easy of adjustment. Embroideries mark the smartness of linen gowns and are as often in silk as cotton. White linens embroidered with variegated colors, red, blue, orange, etc., upon the collars, cuffs and belts, are immensely smart. All sorts of coarse, showy needlework is applied to the linen gowns with fine effect and



mark them at once quite at the head of this season's most pleasing gowns. Long, unlined sleeves are again the mode for demi-toilettes. These are made long over the hands and are as a rule generally becoming. Very pretty is a

tulle sleeve shirred closely to the arm, with rows of bebe ribbon velvet set between each row and fastened in a tiny bow at the back of

All sorts of sheer, soft fabrics are in demand,

and veilings, especially the old-fashioned nun's fashioned nun's veiling, are having a reign because of their adaptability to the prevailing modes. Pongee is revived and is a delicious summer material. a delicious summer material.
They are trimmed elaborately with guipure lace of the same color and are usually tucked galore.
On most of the la ce trimmed gowns an elegant effect is gained by cutting away the material beneath the lace. These gowns not only look cool, but are so. Even when silk linings are employed the are employed the space beneath the lace is clouded with thin white

net or chiffon.
The application The application of cretonne in all its florid colorings to gowns of linen in the natural tints is among the latest and all the short Eton and bolero jackets still maintain their hold upon general favor.

A Wholesome Bakery.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



HE biggest bakery in the world is in Mil-waukee where the finest beer comes from. Not that the two have any particu-lar connection, but the fact remains. An idea of the size of the place may be gained idea of the size of the place may be gained from the fact that the bread pan, as the housewife knows it, is so large that it will hold 1200 pounds of dough. The bread is set to rise in seven hugh steel troughs, each holding 800 to 1000 loaves, while the two ovens in which the transform at ion from dough to palat-

1000 loaves, while the two ovens in which the twansform ation from dough to palatable to be a capacity of one barrel of flour, and is worked by machinery that causes the stiff brushes to revolve and press the flour through the extremely fine meshes, whence it passes down a pipe to the mixing machine, which stands on the first floor, directly below the sieve. This mixer is a big, square, boxlike affair of steel, the interior of which consists of a system of steel rods that revolve at the rate of 55 revolutions a minute. Into this mixer the flour passes, an attached scale measuring accurately the number of pounds; then the milk and water are added, with the yeast and shortening, all exactly measured and weighed. The power is then thrown on, and the big box begins to turn and tumble over and over with terrific force, and steel rods inside whirling around and mixing the mass of flour and water and lard into a smooth mass.

A great deal of heat is generated in this machine, and to overcome this a flue connects with the outside air, and a powerful fan blows a blast of pure air through a fine sieve into the mixer. From 20 to 30 minutes are required to complete the mixing, and then one of the big steel troughs is wheeled up to the mixer, and then smooth dough is put into it, and then it is taken away to rise, or, as the baker says, "to ripen." This process requires from five to seven hours, according to the kind of bread that is made, the Vienna bread requiring the longer time.

When the proper stage is reached, the baker gives it a second kneading, and after a second trising it is wheeled over to the long mixing board, and there the bakers, in their immaculate white linen clothes and white caps, weigh it out and mould it into loaves which are placed in wooden trays, covered with white linen cloths and allowed to rise once more.

The Vienna and the rye loaves are dusted

are placed in wooden trays, covered with white linen cloths and allowed to rise once more. The Vienna and the rye loaves are dusted on the bottom with corn meal and placed on the bottom with corn meal and placed directly on the long peels, which, by the way, look like great pudding sticks, and the peels are thrust into the oven and then withdrawn, leaving the loaves to bake directly on the hot bricks of the oven. The other kinds of bread are put in pans and then placed in the oven by means of the peels. The heat required in the ovens is from 440 to 450 degrees and is kept accurately gauged. An even distribution of the

means of the peets. The heat required in the ovens is from 40 to 450 degrees and is kept accurately gauged. An even distribution of the heat is obtained by means of 22 flues in each oven. It takes from 20 to 30 minutes for a baking, and then the loaves are drawn out by means of the peels and placed in big wooden trays and placed on ventilated shelves until they cool off thoroughly.

There is in the building a little laboratory in which the yeast and milk are tested before using. Every man who has anything to do with the making of the bread is required before he goes on duty to take a shower bath in a large bath room in the building and to put on entirely clean clothing. In this way the minimum of danger through germs or dirt infection is gained. Throughout the whole structure the floors are of hard wood, kept scrupulously clean, and every utensil used is thoroughly and frequently cleansed, while the head baker himself is a chemist.

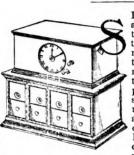
During the coming century, we shall doubt-

elf is a chemist.

During the coming century, we shall doubtless see more and more of these great co-operative establishments—but at present this—to use a slang phrase—takes the cake.

An Automatic Doctor.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



ICK people are very apt to forget to take their medicines on time, particularly at time, particularly at night, and even the trained nurse can-not always be sure to wake up at the proper intervals, if she happens to be much fatigued, to administer the pill or curative draught. Hence the value of a

Hence the value of a contrivance newly patented, which furnishes the reminder and proffers the medicament at the same time, automatically. It rings an alarm when the proper minute arrives, and simultaneously an indicator points to the thing that is to be swallowed.

The arrangement consists of a tiny chest of drawers, which may be placed on a table by the sick-bed, the alarm mechanism being a simple clockwork device attached, with a dial in front. Ordinarily a patient is required to take more clockwork device attached, with a dial in front. Ordinarily a patient is required to take more than one medicine, and the physician gives orders as to the hours at which each one is to be swallowed. Hence the necessity for a plurality of drawers, each one of which is intended to contain a single kind of remedy. Each drawer has on its front an indicator, which is connected with the alarm and with the clock-dial already referred to.

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Be it supposed that the patient is required to take a pill at nine P. M. When the hands of the clock-dial point to that hour, a bell rings, and simultaneously the indicator on Drawer A points upward. The sleepy nurse, roused to attention, opens that drawer and, taking from it the pill, administers it to the sick person. At eleven o'clock there is another ring, and the indicator shows that Drawer B is the proper one to open. Drawer B contains a little bottle of spirits of nitre, a dose of which is bestowed upon the invalid. May be at one A. M. a third medicine is ordered, which is found in Drawer C; and so on. There are half a dozen drawers to provide for all possible contingencies.

One obvious advantage of this apparatus is that the tired nurse, who in most cases is a member of the family, has a chance to get some sleep between whiles, without running any risk of omitting loses ordered by the doctor. Furthermore, there is no chance of mistake in the kind of medicine given, inasmuch as the instrument is wound up and the series of remedies arranged before the night begins. If a medicine is to be taken every hour, the drawer containing it will show its sign, with the accompanying alarm, at intervals of sixty minutes for a dozen hours.

Teeth and Temperament.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



T has been found T has been found that a particular form of tooth belongs in man to each of the four temperaments. The lymphatic is represented by short and broad teeth, the nervous by long and narrow teeth, the bilious by teeth square ious by teeth square across the edges and corrugated in a pecu-

liar way near the tops and the sanguine by perfectly shaped and sym-

and the sanguine by perfectly shaped and symmetrical teeth.

This matter has been studied out by Dr. W. W. Evans, President of the dental college in Washington, who says that character can be read with accuracy by the teeth. Of course, no such thing as an unmixed temperament is to be found in any human being. There is always a combination, such as nervo-bilious, bilio-sanguine, or what not, and these crosses are indicated in the chewing apparatus. A person with short and broad teeth may be recognized at once as markedly lymphatic—that is to say, inclined to laziness and discouragement. Four out of five suicides are lymphatic.

On the other hand, the nervo-bilious form of teeth indicates plenty of will power and a highly developed mental organization. Adam and Eve, Dr. Evans says, must have had the purely sanguine temperament, which goes with the best possible physical development, and the molars and incisors which they used in eating the forbidden apple must have been of symmetry to correspond.

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It is commonly said that man's canine teeth prove him to be by nature a carnivorous animal, but this notion is very far from being correct. There are many purely vegetable-eating beasts that have well-developed canines, and of these an example is furnished by the monkeys. Monkeys' canines are much more developed than those of man, but they are exclusively fruit-eaters, using their canines only for fighting. Man himself was originally frugivorous, presumably.

that outlined the root. Absence of an eye-tooth is plainly indicated even in youth by a line extending from the wing of the nose to the engle of the mouth. The late Mr. John C. Ropes, of Boston, owned the finest existing collection of antique busts and pictures of Julius Cassar, and the point of evidence which he regarded as most satisfactory in the identification of some of the disputed likenesses of the great military leader was a deep line on one side of the face, evidently marking the absence of a tooth.

The right to vote comes from the State, and is a

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He who takes himself to the shores of Northern New England for a season of rest and recreation, finds many peculiar characteristics unknown to other sections of the country. The climate is ever delightful, the recreations of great variety and the scenic display of a magnificence beyond description. The visitor is delighted with the seclusion which penetrates the region, and a most remarkable feature of the New England Coast resorts is that its patronage includes tourists from every state and country as well as from every walk in life. The hotels are without exception commodious and finely appointed hostelries and nothing remains undone that will add to the comfort of the summer sojourner.

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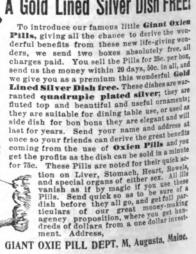
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The following editorial by A. N. Tally, M. D., regarding Mr. Wright's prescription for lost manhood appeared in the December issue of the United States Health Reports, published at Washington, D. C.

We, as the highest American authority on all matters of health, sanitation and hygiene, are constantly receiving letters of inquiry about a reliable cure for lost strength in men.

Therefore we have ordered an investigation to be made into the subject and our medical

to be made into the subject and our medical staff found there were many so-called cures on the market, but that many were worthless and some actually harmful. Therefore when we came upon the prescription furnished free by George B. Wright, a merchant of Marshall, Mich., we instituted a most thorough laboratory examination and found that its wonderful efficacy depended upon its being exactly compounded according to proper chemical requirements, in order to establish the proper chemical actions and reactions in the human system, and that it should especially, and above all, contain each and every ingredient named in the prescription, otherwise it would be quite in the prescription, otherwise it would be quite inactive and worthless.

Properly mixed and containing everything

Properly mixed and containing everything called for in the prescription, its effect upon the nerve centers is truly wonderful and its nerve tonic properties easily surpassed all ordinary methods of medication.

Among the benefactors of the race may be mentioned the said George B. Wright, inasmuch that he gives this grand discovery free to all who write for it.

Taken according to directions it builds up the weak and restores to full size and vigor the

Taken according to directions it builds up the weak and restores to full size and vigor the nerve muscles. It brings hope and cheer and litts up the discouraged man so that he once more enjoys the beauties of nature and the pleasures of life. Failure in business and love surely falls upon him who is weakened physically and mentally, and this sad condition is at once relieved and a new man made of him who uses this prescription.

Therefore, upon the highly favorable report of our medical staff we extend to George B. Wright's prescription for lost manhood the full editorial and official indorsement of the United States health reports. As certain as wound

editorial and official indorsement of the United States health reports. As certain as wound leaves a scar, and as sure as effect follows cause, do men live to repent their follies and indisteretions in weakness and suffering. The tortured sufferer may bear no telltale marks of ruin upon his face to betray his lost manhood. He goes to his grave a human wreck, and never tells of his sufferings for fear of shame. Such mental anguish at times drives him to the verge of desperation, and he is easy prey for those vultures in human form-quack doctors-who hold out alluring hopes of cure only to disappoint, and after robbing him of his money, plunge him into absolute despair.

No one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he who has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers except he who knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. A notable cure of lost manhood in an extreme case was effected in the person of days on the George B. Wright, a music dealer and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich. Mr. Wright for years suffered the agony of lost vital power. He saw his physical power go from him as the result of insidious disease, until he was reduced to a condition of senility, and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

Like marry others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weaknesses peculiar to men, and it was this limit our ence that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit.

He asserts that his ten years' suffering, both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again. It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself.

There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described, and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him little to do so and he feels a philanthropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves.

A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer, Box No. 957 Marshall, Mich., for his free prescription, will be promptly and privately complied with by return mail.



BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN

HERE is a great interest, of course, in the Bicycle Meet in Buffalo this month. The Berlin events occurring in July and the Pan-American races in August, you the Pan-American races in August, you can see that foreign cracks will have ample opportunity to get over here for competition. All the best will come. They will include Jaap Eden of Hol.and; Jacqueline, the French champion; Momo, the Italian champion; Ellegard, the Dane; French Taylor, and other leaders. The paced championships will be decided here, as well as the sprints, and spectators at the Buffalo races will witness some grand combats awheel behind the motors which are so restricted under the new rules that advantage will be with the rider best qualified by natural ability. There is every indication that the quarter-mile board track will be a record breaking affair. The exposition race meet will extend over a fortnight, as already has been stated in Comfort. The first week will be devoted to amateur contests and preliminary heats for the amateur championships. The second week will see the professionals and amateurs together in a grand windup.

The national board of control of the National Cycling Association, has several very good ideas for the betterment of racing and the production of better contests in the direction it has begun on the grand circuit meets, which this year is made a greater feature than ever. In these meets the promoters are forced to include three professional events, one a championship, another a class race and the third a handicap. In the championship, no man is almandicap. The national board of control of the National In these meets the promoters are forced to include three professional events, one a championship, another a class race and the third a handicap. In the championship, no man is allowed to start unless he has a class record of 2m. 10s., which fact alone keeps the thirdraters out of the running. Not more than four men are allowed to compete in any one trial heat, two of whom must qualify for the semi-finals. In this heat the pacing is decided by lot, each man pacing a portion of the distance.

Two men ride in each semi-final, in which the pace is set by singles for three quarters of the distance. Then second or third round of semi-finals are ridden so as to reduce the field down to two men for the final. In the final heat there is no pace-making, the two qualifiers riding and fighting the race as they please.

The class race is of such a limit as to prevent the 2m. 10s. men from competing in the same, while the handicap brings all the men together. In this latter event all entries must be made at least two weeks prior to the date of the race, and the dividing of the heats will be done by the members of the board in charge of the district in which the meet is to be held.

Mrs. Espy, known as Etta Morse Hudders by her readers, recently spoke of "cycling as an enjoyable and health-giving exercise and recreation for women."

When requested to give some suggestions from her own cycling experiences, she said: "An ideal party, in my estimation, consists of two men and two women. Under exceptional circumstances a mixed party of eight members might be desirable but the chances are in favor of the lesser number.

"Congeniality and a close cycling kinship of ideas is the cornerstone of a pleasurable cycling tour. If we don't know a man until we live with him, we don't know a cyclist until we ride with him; therefore in organizing a tourist party, it is a wise preamble to adopt that 'only those whose cycling propensities are well known shall be included."

"If a scorcher steals in unawares, let him go his way; if a laggard ha

"Some lug-gage must be taken if the party is to be several road. Everything but absolute necessities excluded. little we need when is a mistake to carry much on the handle bars. The best plan yet de-vised for carrying luggage is a trian gular fibre case fitted into the dia m o n d frame. One d such case will carry the luggage of two per-sons besides

BICYCLE ROAD IN THE ALPS other accessories. The case is not in the way of the rider, and does not add in any appreciable way to the weight of the wheel or the work of propulsion. A woman's wheel is not adapted for baggage. A very small package is in the way of the rider, and an incomplete. The moral is ob-A very small package is in the way of the rider and an incumbrance. The moral is ob-

"If, at the end of the trip, a change of apparel is desired, it is an easy matter to express a satchel to the destination, but don't make the mistake of scattering your wardrobe at points en route. It will never be where you want it at the time you need it. Again, if the County Commissioners undertake to repair the roads without notifying you, a detour might be necessary which would leave your effects beyond your jurisdiction. The secret of successful touring awheel is to be able to live independently of everything but your present environments. The cyclist must be able to do all the adapting; the roads will not change nor the

ently of everything but your present environments. The cyclist must be able to do all the adapting; the roads will not change, nor the wind, nor the weather, and he or she must travel prepared for immediate contingencies. Such riders enjoy all the beauties of the trip and are little troubled by temporary reverses.

"A woman is more hampered than her male companion, both in her mount and clothing; it is therefore necessary for her to dress as comfortably as possible. This outfit meets ordinary requirements: Union undergarments, which should be of light wool, silk, or linen mesh, according to the habit of the rider, but never of cotton material. A corset waist may be necessary to some; heavy stockings of the shade of the costume; low shoes with low heels and toes that are not pointed; knickerbockers of percaline, the shade of the cycling skirt; a shirt waist of tan pongee silk is the most comfortable and will not show soil or dust; a turn down rubber collar of medium height is cooler than linen and can be cleaned whenever necessary; several washable ties can be carried and take but little space. The skirt should be com-

down rubber collar of medium height is cooler than linen and can be cleaned whenever necessary; several washable ties can be carried and take but little space. The skirt should be comfortably short and of heavy enough material so that it will not balloon or blow up; in color tans or grays are the most serviceable. The jacket should be neat fitting and with no waste material in the makeup; the Eton style is preferable. A felt hat, broad brimmed enough to shade the eyes, is the most sensible headgear."

In no other country of the Continent of Europe has the automobile and bicycle sport made such strides as in France. In that country roads are as a rule exceeding fine, and always kept in perfect condition. This is especially the case in Southern France, and particularly in the maritime Alpine districts. No other part of France is more favored by cyclists and motorists than the beautiful and unique country around Nice, Monte Carlo, Mentone and Cannes. Nice is the city of flowers, festivities, music, theaters and joy; it is the headquarters of one of the richest French sporting clubs, the "Touring Club." The club has spent thousands of dollars for the improvement of the roads in the "Alpes Maritimes." One of the most remarkable roads designed and built by this club is represented in the accompanying cut. The road leads from Mentone to Sospel, and traverses near the Italian frontier, the notably picturesque Alpine Pass of Braus. Soon after leaving the Pass the road descends toward Sospel, and here it was wherethe Touring Club built the wonderful windings shown in the illustration.

One of the best known inventors in the bicycle field said the other day "There will never be any successor to the bicycle, because there can never be a less amount of material put together with greater skill that will appear.

one of the best known inventors in the bicycle field said the other day "There will never be any successor to the bicycle, because there can never be a less amount of material put together with greater skill that will answer the purpose of human locomotion with greater pleasure and ease or at less original cost and current expense to the rider. To consider its lightness, its delicate appearance of beauty, strength and endurance, the price at which it is sold, the uses it serves and the pleasure and health it gives the rider, it must unhesitatingly be pronounced the consummate achievement of be pronounced the consummate achievement of our mechanical development and the most beneficent contribution that invention has made to civilization. It is so unique and superlatively perfect that it has no rival and can have no successor."

Thousands of riders who have deveted con-

Thousands of riders who have devoted considerable time to other sport during the last three years have become in a measure tired of

> fancies, and are return-ing to wheeling. The use of the bicycle as a conven-ience is not ience is not only de-monstrated by the use to which it is put daily by hunis shown by the way in which golf-ers and ten-

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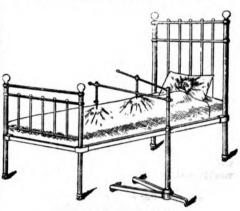


ERVOUS people are ERVOUS people are apt to be more or less annoyed by their bed-clothes, which have a way of sticking to one, while often their weight is trouble-some. In order to do away with this discomfort, a Chicago man, Chas. M. Brennan, has just patented; an apparatus for susan apparatus for suspending the drapery of the couch in such

manner that it does not come into contact a manner that it does not come into contact with the individual therein reposing. The contrivance has the form of a stand, to be placed by the bed, having arms that extend over the latter in such a way as to grasp the clothes at two or more points and lift them to any requisite height. A few inches, of course, are all that is needed. Thus the sleeper may turn over and toss about as much as he likes without feeling the disagreeable contact of sheet or blanket.

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Another notable invention is credited to Luke Rawlings, of Dallas, Iowa. It is intended to take the place of the basket or other receptacle commonly carried by cotton pickers in the fields. Of course it is an inconvenience to be obliged to lug a basket, about, also making tacle commonly carried by cotton pickers in the fields. Of course it is an inconvenience to be obliged to lug a basket about, also making the process of picking more slow, and this patentee proposes to equip each negro at harvest time with a species of coat which is in reality a pair of huge bags. The affair, being hung over the shoulders, is no trouble to carry, and the wearer puts the fresh picked cotton into the bags by the same action as that used by a man



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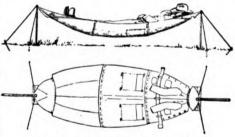
who places something in the inside pocket of his coat to right or left. When the bags are full they are unbuttoned at the bottom, thus dumping their contents into a larger recepta-

dumping their contents into a larger recepta-cle.

Joseph Conley, of Mound City, Mo., has de-vised a species of overcont that is convertible into a hammock when desired. For a soldier's use it is particularly adapted, inasmuch as the cape and skirts may be transformed into a knapsack at a moment's notice. When the hammock is wanted the wearer of the coat has only to detach the cape from the latter and fast-en it to the lower edge of the skirt. The col-

only to detach the cape from the latter and fasten it to the lower edge of the skirt. The collar of the coat and the collar of the cape are each of them provided with a strong ring, and these rings serve for suspending the hammock between two properly driven stakes.

People at sea are often worried about their valuables, and a long-felt want will be met by an invention newly patented by George F. Abraham, of Baltimore. It is a sea safe and life buoy combined, and one of its peculiarities is a series of external ribs, each of which is an air chamber. There is a door in the side of the



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The "silly season" for the foreign newspapers is due. A missing word contest was one hot weather development that obtained great favor when imported to this country. As it is "all the world" stands gaping to know "what next"?

Canada is being explored this year by the curious "Pan-American". As the only monarchial disposed land in the "Pan" it enjoys a sad distinction. The annexationists can cross the line and look matters over this year at ex-

Scientists have lately been experimenting to prove that certain insects like the beetle, caterpillar, bees and even toads are fair barometers. They have watched these insects grow grave or gay as the weather was good or ill. It is quite unnecessary to make such a demonstration to the sufferer from rheumatism or neuralgia. These people have believed for some time that coming events in weather cast their shadows before-that life was a better barometer than chemicals.

The agitations in Philadelphia over the trolley franchise may suggest to state legislatures some needed reforms in the laws regulating such matters. The franchise should be granted to the company who will give the lowest fare and the longest ride for a single fare. It is all very well to offer millions to a city for the right to operate cars but this only lessens the rate of taxation and the taxes are levied upon the richer class of citizens. It is this class who probably use the transit mediums least and can best afford to pay high fares. The enormous development of the trolley lines furnishes a new problem both in laws regulating them and on the money side.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals must look with approval upon the little sunshades and sunbonnets that horses wear this summer. The ordinary kind-hearted person is divided between approbation and amusement. There is an absurd contrast between the airy little sun parasol perched upon the top of the head and the long serious jowl of the horse. The bonnets are almost entirely ned to the serious respectable animal who belong in the working classes. These pace slowly along with a steady matter of fact acceptance of life's burdens while above this serious face is the frivolous little bright colored parasol.

We are commencing to realize that for a few months in the year America has a tropical climate. The Panama hats and shirt waists of the men encroach upon woman's domain in two directions. People who live in the tropics get only a slight degree more heat than the average city man and yet the difference in dress between an American and the white men in India is too great to wonder about. The last two summers have witnessed a radical change in the dress of men. The attempt to rival a woman's millinery bill has made the Panama hat a topic for even more discussion than the shirt waist. The average price is about ten dollars but one hundred dollars is sometimes whispered as an extravagant possibility. Woman gave up sole right and title to the shirt waist rather reluctantly but

'Et-tu-Bruteism" that the expensive Panamas have brought.

August almost seems a synonym for vacation. It certainly seems to spell heat and discomfort. There are many reasons why a vacation may bring more enjoyment at some other time. It is well known that the person who is occupied has less time for mental flurry over the state of the thermometer than the idle rerson who can measure his discomfort by degrees. If it is as hot as our tropical climate will allow, one is bound to be uncomfortable whether "taking a vacation" or working. There must be change of scene as the first factor in rest and there must be physical comfort as the second factor. The result is enjoyment. Extreme heat and physical comfort can not go together so that the second factor of the vacation is often a zero. Many people would gain more real rest by postponing vacations until the autumn or even the winter. Then the change of scene could be gained and all the enjoyment possible derived from it.

The National Health League is one of the many new altruistic movements. They believe that the best results will be obtained only when trained and scientific investigation is pursued as to the means of preserving health. They would establish health colleges all over the land where the main force of study shall be laid on the maintenance of health. All this is significant of the great interest taken in the general subject of health. One millionaire gives libraries to the people while another founds a college for the careful study of disease. The "sound mind in a sound body" may be realized through the result of these two benefactions. Part of the money that is to produce more careful study of disease might be given to the work of the Health League. The Chinese have been enforcing the fundamental idea of the Health League for they pay the physician while they are well and cease payments as soon as they become ill. Such a course here might succeed in establishing the conditions that the Health League advocate.

The question of old age pensions is being seriously treated by many of the most advanced thinkers of the age. New Zealand is the leader in all advanced ideas of government and the plan has proven successful there. The French government has just adopted the plan of pensioning people over sixty-five years of age. The details of the plan have not been fully worked out. The method of collecting the money and the proper distribution of it present serious economic problems. Thoughtlessly administered, the plan might work infinite harm in encouraging careless expenditure and lack of careful forethought. Joseph Chamberlain has proposed such pension measures on the part of the English government. Large railroad corporations in this country have voluntarily put in force old age pensions. Andrew Carnegie has perfected such a scheme among his employees. The act on the part of the French government is pronounced as great a departure in economic history as the French Revolution was in political history. Old age should be a time of peace, not of worry over the actual means of livelihood.

The pessimist often asks if the world grows any better as the centuries pass. It must be admitted that it grows kinder. There is a sensitiveness to the happiness or suffering of our fellow-beings that was not known over a hundred years ago. The man of millions was unknown then but the cities are full of them today and the posspapers of provide the manner. hundred years ago. The man of millions was unknown then but the cities are full of them today and the newspapers chronicle the manner in which the millions are spent for the good of humanity. One of the latest methods of philanthropy has been the establishment of floating hotels. A New York man has chartered three large ships. He proposes to extend the benefit of his scheme to the inhabitants of the city where he made his money. A ship load of women and children are to be taken out, given a good dinner on board and a cool night's rest. One of the ships is to sail every night as business houses close, to give a good dinner on board and to return to the dock in time for the next day's work. Another feature of the scheme is to take families to some point like Newport or Atlantic City for a Sunday. The plan will give a pleasant outing and change to hundreds who otherwise would find no opportunity to leave the city. It is practical and philanthropical. So many of the plans of wealthy philanthropists aim to satisfy the spiritual and esthetic needs of less favored mortals that a practical planning for physical rest and pleasure seems almost an innovation. It is a wise one. The tired body cramps the mind and soul. Rest and recreation seems entirely physical but they react upon the higher faculties in the strongest manner. er faculties in the strongest manner.

"Conservation" and "precedent" seem to be terms that may become obsolete in the sense of a political break. Our car of progress is rushing so fast that tradition falls before it as did ing so fast that tradition falls before it as did the victims before the car of the old pagan god. We are assured that new conditions demand new measures and that the precedents established in the early days when the land of Washington was bounded by the Mississippi and the ocean will not apply to a nation that has expanded beyond that "pent up Utica." There is a growing agitation of a third term for the presidency. The two term limit is of course wholly a matter of precedent. The Constitution does not limit the number of terms a president may serve. Mexico has given us an example of a republic in name and a constitutional monarchy in fact. Washington prevented the possible monarchial tendency by refusing a third term. This has been as strong a law as a third term. This has been as strong a law as precedent could establish. When the discus-sion over a third term for General Grant was at its height Congress passed a resolution: "Resolved, that in the opinion of this house, the precedent established by Washington and other presidents in retiring from the Presidential office after their second term, has become by miverage consumptions of severage of the second servers. universal concurrence a system of government. she has welcomed the chance at reprisal and land that any departure from the time honored

custom would be unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with peril to our free institutions." There may be many sound arguments of the practical value of three terms but the American practical value of three terms but the American people are hardly ready for new century interpretation of the traditions of government. A third term proposition would arouse all the conservatism of the nation in opposition.

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The mistake made by writers in the daily ess are to a musician often of an amusing aracter and form one of the strongest possicharacter and form one of the strongest possible arguments for more general education in music and in musical terms by the general public. Even the best informed people in other matters are strangely ignorant of the most common things in the musical art. Many persons who would blush to confess their ignorance of the meaning of the Magna Charta, or the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, or facts in physiology and chemistry as sciences, will make mistakes about the art of music which are almost painful in ignorance and absurdities, the existence of which are entirely unknown to the writer or speaker of them.

of them.

The reporters on the press work are generally exceedingly careful to verify and make exact statements when writing of other sciences; but when recording musical matters no gibberish or ignorance is too coarse to be written of this beautiful art, and under the cover of a lot of wrongly applied technical terms what is supposed to be expert criticism is written for the press. It would seem that the writers thought their readers to be even more ignorant than themselves and that by a liberal sprinkling of musical terms of more or less value, they could impress the reader with the idea that they really had grand knowledge of the art itself.

These thoughts come to COMFORT by looking over an old paper and the eye being attracted by an account of the home-coming of Admiral Dewey, a couple of years ago. The article is a striking example of the nonsense which is commonly written anent musical events of any

kind, and is chiefly noticeable as being the Associated Press dispatch which was sent to all the daily papers throughout the country and writers in the metropolis was respe Here is what he wrote in one part

"As the Olympia came abreast of the Chicago the guard presented arms, the drums gave four ruffles, the trumpets four flourishes, and the band played "Home, Sweet Home," dwelling with swelling cadenza upon the minor bars. The officers at the waist raised their gold-bound beavers and the sailors cheered, etc."

It is almost kindness to say that from the musical standpoint the above is nonsense and almost idiotic. Let us look it over together and see if this is not so. In the first place "Home, Sweet Home" is written in the major key, and there are no minor bars in it. Then we have something about the cadenza. Any we have something about the cadenza. Any musical student will tell at a glance that there is no cadenza in the song. Even if there were, a child in music would know that it would be played by itself and not as an accompaniment to what the writer is pleased to call "minor bars." In fact, it seems most evident that in his desire to make a pretty sentence the writer simply sacrificed facts to pleasing sound, whether his writing made any sense or not.

It would have been as proper to have written that "Admiral Dewey stood gracefully upon his left head and his ears twinkled mischievously." Any reader would at once recognize the nonsense of such an expression and a writer guilty of such nonsense would lose his place, but about music it seems as if anything could be said with impunity, no matter how little sense there may be in the formation.

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The study of music, once constudied the art. fined to the favored few, is now almost as common as the public school system itself. The growing generation generally have from a rudimentary to a good education in music and know precisely what musical terms mean and how they should be used.

It is to be hoped that the day is soon at hand that will have attained the point that people will consider it essential to a liberal education to have a fair knowledge of the technical and scientific part of music. A point where one would be as ashamed to admit that he or she knew pothing of music as the same person. knew nothing of music, as the same person would be now to admit he or she knew nothing of history.

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VERY housewife en-joys a delicate odor in her house, particular-ly in the chambers. This is an easy matter, This is an easy matter, for whether one lives in the country or the city, rose leaves and spices are always obtainable. We give a very good recipe for the proportions of each to be used in a potpourri, and the method of preservation.

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Have the leaves partly dried, using rose leaves, violets, orange blossoms, verbena and sweet marjoram. Anything, in fact, that gives a pleasant odor. Put blossoms and leaves into a jar having a close-fitting cover, in layers, alternately, with a sprinkling of salt. Use about one ounce salt to the pound. Leave in a cool, dark place for a month, stirring every day. Then add spices—cinnamon, cloves, orris root and dried orange and lemon peel. For each quart of dry material have ready a cup of alcohol. Put the materials into rose jars in layers, sprinkling each layer with alcohol. Cover and let stand, undisturbed, for a month, when it will be fully preserved, with a fragrant, spicy odor that will remain in good condition for years.

We give a suggestion for a novel punch bowl

spicy odor that will remain in good condition for years.

We give a suggestion for a novel punch bowl which will appeal to those who are looking for table decorations a little out of the ordinary.

Get a block of clear ice that will fit into a large dripping pan. The pan should have a hole in it, to which a tube has been soldered. This tube conducts the drippings to a pan under the table on which it rests.

With an ice pick and hot flat irons a hollow of right size may be shaped, and into this is poured the

poured the punch, which is kept de-lightfully cool in its frigid bed. The pan should be decorated with ferns and flowers, so it will not be seen. If used on a dining table, an extra leaf of cheap wood should be obtained, and a hole made through which the tube can pass to a

LEMON, POTATO AND RADISH GARNISHES. an under he table, which should, of course, be emptied

A temperance drink that resembles cham-A temperance drink that resembles champagne is compounded as follows: Take a good sized lemon, an ounce of ginger root, a pound and a half of white sugar, one ounce of tartaric acid, one gill of yeast, and two and a half gallons of water. Bruise the ginger, slice the lemon, pour boiling water over them, and when it has cooled to lukewarmness add the yeast and let it stand in the sun all day. In the evening put it into bottles and cork tight. It may be used in a couple of days.

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We have been requested to give a recipe for Pumpernickle, which is made as follows:

Make a batter at night of one cup each of milk that has been heated to the scalding point and boiling water, two level teaspoons lard, one-third teaspoon sugar, one and one-half level teaspoons salt, one yeast cake dissolved in one-fourth cup warm water, and three cups of flour. In two or three hours the batter will be light; then stir in one tablespoon of caraway seed and rye meal until stiff enough to knead; let rise over night. Knead and shape into a round loaf: when risen to twice its original round loaf; when risen to twice its original size bake one hour.

we have illustrated a few garnishes, this month, to show what can be done in that line with care and an eye to general attractiveness. We simply give the garnishes themselves. Of course each garnish is used according to the food served. Parsley is in universal use as a garnish, and is also used in connection with lemon, tomato and radishes—slices of lemon, with a star cut from a slice of pickled beet is a pretty garnish for fish, with touches of parsley at either end of the platter. Butterflies, as shown in the illustration are cut from lemon,—also the baskets, in which is usually served tartar sauce for smelts or scallops. Radishes are cut so that the thin strips roll back and look like a rose bud. These should be placed in ice water for two or three hours before using, after being cut, as is curled celery. Potato in ice water for two or three hours before using, after being cut, as is curled celery. Potato straws, or julienne potato, makes a pretty garnish around the edge of a large platter on which a whole fish is served. Pyramids are made of small potato balls with a sprig of parsley on top. These should be served on a platter by themselves, or individually, so that there would be no danger of breaking the pyramid. pyramid.

Eggs are used for garnishes, particularly with salads. Hard boiled, with the whites cut in rings and the yolks put through the ricer, or with the whites cut in long petals and ar-

ranged like a daisy, and the yolks used for the

whipped cream is used largely for desserts. It may be colored, after being whipped, with a few drops of coloring liquid used for cooking purposes and so add materially to the appearance of even a dish of sliced fruit, or a plain

Every one is troubled more or less with having the cream sour, in the very hot months. What to do with sour cream is a problem to some, so we give a few recipes wherein it may be used with good effect.

SOUR CREAM BISCUITS.

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One cup flour, measured before sifting. One-half cup sour cream; one-fourth cup sweet milk; one level teaspoon baking powder; one-half teaspoon soda; one-third teaspoon salt. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt into a mixing bowl. Add cream in which the soda has been dissolved, and then the milk. Mix smooth and roll out, using as little flour as possible. Roll one inch thick, cut out and bake about ten minutes in a hot oven.

SOUR CREAM GINGERBREAD.

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Three-fourths cup sour cream; one-half cup molasses; one-half cup granulated sugar; two cups flour; two eggs; heaping teaspoon soda; one tablespoon ginger; dessert spoonful cinnamon. Beat together the eggs, sugar and molasses. Add half the cream and dissolve the soda in the remainder, after which beat all lightly together. Sift in the flour, ginger and cinnamon and stir until smooth. Bake about half an hour in a moderate oven.

SOUR CREAM SPICE CAKE.

Beat the yolks of two eggs and one whole egg, add three-fourths cup white sugar and then three-fourths cup sour cream in which one-half teaspoon soda has been dissolved. Sift into the mixture two cups flour and one teaspoon baking powder. Add one teaspoon each of clove, cinnamon and mace. Stir until smooth and bake in three layers in a moderately hot oven.

FILLING.

Add to the whites of two eggs one-quarter cup of sweet cream or rich milk, and stir into the mixture confectioner's sugar, until an icing has been obtained of such consistency that a little spread upon the cake and scored with a knife-blade will leave a perfectly defined parting. Flavor with vanilla and spread between layers and upon top of cake when cold. Score top fresting with knife-blade, marking pieces of the proper size for serving.

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The recipe given above makes a loaf cake, omitting the spices and adding either a cup of seeded raisins, or broken pecan meats, which should be thrown loosely into the sifted flour, and the batter then thoroughly beaten before it is disposed in the pans. It will make two brick-shaped loaves, which, when cold, should be spread with confectioner's icing. Allow a cupful of confectioner's sugar to each loaf, adding hot water, a little at a time, until the icing will spread nicely.

SOUR CREAM NUT CAKE.

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Two eggs; granulated sugar; onesugar; one-half cup of rich sour cream; two cups of flour measured before sifting; one-half tea-spoonful of bakin g-powder; a pinch of salt.

Beat the eggs till whites and yolks are well blended, and add sugar. Dissolve the soda in cream, stirring it then

into the eggs and sugar. Sift into the mixture the flour, baking-powder and salt, and beat well together. Bake in three layer cake tins. FILLING.

One cup of pecan or walnut meats run through meat-chopper, or crushed with rolling-pin on bread-board; one small egg; three-fourths cup of confectioner's sugar; one-half cup of sour cream; a few drops of vanilla.

Beat the egg well, white and yolk together; add the sugar and nut meats, and last of all the cream and vanilla, stirring it then only enough to mix all together. Spread between the layers and over the top of cake when cold.

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ous combinations of sugar, fat, and proteids (chee se-st uff) running up actually into the tens of thousands, and each one representing a special arrangement of percentages of those ingredients. In every instance the effort is to alter the cow's milk in such a way as to imitate mother's milk, but one youngster is apt to digest to advantage more sugar or less fat than another, and such points as these have to be carefully studied by the family physician.

It is easy enough to modify cow's milk in such a manner as to counterfeit mother's milk with absolute accuracy—to reproduce it so perfectly, in fact, that no ehemical analysis will show any difference. Nevertheless, it is admitted that the imitation is not quiet the same thing as the original, not equal to it in point of healthfulness and digestibility. Only mother's milk is an ideal food for the baby; no matter how the milk of the cow is altered, it is still cow's milk, and the proteids do not behave so well as those of mother's milk when taken into the infantile stomach.

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The modifying of milk consists in changing the proportions of the three principal constituents—sugar, fat, and proteids. It signifies taking the milk to pieces and rearranging those ingredients in the percentages required to suit any case. The fat is separated by letting the cream rise and skimming it off, the fluid left

taking the milk to pieces and rearranging those ingredients in the percentages required to suit any case. The fat is separated by letting the cream rise and skimming it off, the fluid left behind containing no fat, but only sugar and cheese-stuff. An excess of albumen, which is a part of the cheese-stuff (proteids) is got rid of with the aid of heat, being precipitated and strained away, while the percentage of sugar is lessened by dilution. In such ways, using both chemical and mechanical means milks of infinite variety are obtained. As may well be imagined, they are of the utmost value in the feeding of invalids. feeding of invalids.

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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Old Samuel Johnson advises us to-Catch, then, oh catch the transient hour; Improve each moment as it flies! Life's a short summer, man a flower; He dies-alas! how soon he dies!"

while Shakespeare tells us that-"Thy eternal summer shall not fade," and so, having set you to thinking, Aunt Minerva will proceed to open her monthly budget of letters. Our first letter this month, on Venice, is very interesting and I am sorry that its length obliges me to somewhat abridge it in giving it to my read-

"The little station, where you step from the rave-washed steps into a gondola and are taken to our hotel. The gondolier at once becomes your

cities," as Longfellow calls it, at

ers, but I must introduce "The White Swan of



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ery good friend, a part of your daily life, your

very good friend, a part of your daily life, your shadow, your counselor and guide, and you usually find him an excellent fellow. The gondolas multiply as you float down the lagoon, and every gondola and every gondolier at a distance looks exactly like every other. It is quite probable that the hotel which you have chosen was formerly a palace, and many of the rooms are still kept up in their glory and rich decorations. It is wonderful how these people restore and renew the old, keeping it always in harmony with the new; for electric lights, steam heat, hydraulic lifts and American speaking porters are usually to be found in all these old palace-hotels.

"To the tourist Venice is a vast museum, with its harmonies of marble and mosaics, softened and mellowed by the ever dazzling silver presence of the sea. As you float down the stream, listening to the soft music from the various gondolas about you, the gondolier points with pride to this high, narrow stone building, with its projecting balconies 'hanging over the water, saying 'This was the home of Desdemona,' and farther on 'Robert Browning died here,' and 'in that palace Lord Byron lived and wrote, and 'here Wagner and George Elliot lived,' and so on as we pass. Suddenly, as the gondoliers' cry, carried over the water, arouses you from your reveries.

"The city has as many changing sights as the sea.

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"The voice of the gondolier seems to be he sound of Venice, for there are no animals to be seen and there is no rumbling of wheels or sound of hoofs; only the sound of music and the voice of the gondolier over the still water.

"I might spend many pages in describing to you the palace of the Doges, the Bridge of Sighs, and the Square of San Marco, with its celebrated pigeons circling about, but you know it all and I forbear. The cathedrals are rich in pictures and masterpieces. It is here that we find, in the city of his adoption, the best of Titian's works, also those of Tintoretto, the Veronese and Bellini. You pause at the monuments to Titian and Canova, and marvel that time has dealt so lightly with these beautiful works of arts.

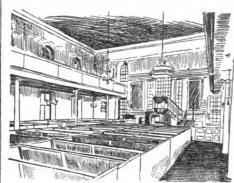
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"You cross the Rialto bridge, built by Antonio De Ponta in 1588, and the brilliancy of the shops allures you, and the Venetian Glass Works brings you back to the achievements of the present. You linger at the wide mouth of the Grand Canal, and dream you are floating to the gate of the Ducal palace, and you go back again to St. Mark's and find each day a fresh beauty. Painters say that it is a 'Treasury of bits in its gray bloom of honorable age.'"

A. TIFFANY, Atlantic, Iowa

A. TIFFANY, Atlantic, Iowa. We are all fond of foreign travel, but at the end of our trips we gladly return to our "ain countree," and feel, deep down in our hearts, that "there is no place like home," and so I know you will welcome the following letter on dear little old Christ Church in Alexandria, Va. I can assure you, from my own personal knowledge, that it is every word true.

"In Alexandria, Va., there is still to be seen the church in which George Washington worshipped, preserved in all its original simplicity and beauty.



INTERIOR OF CHRIST CHURCH

The tablets on either side of the pulpit, one containing the Lord's prayer and the creed, the other the ten commandments, remain the same; also the pulpit, chair, communion table and the baptismal font; while the chandelier presented to the church by Washington still hangs from the center of the ceiling.

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"The pew in which he sat has never been altered. On its door is his plate, engraved 'George Washington.' This spot is regarded with reverence and adoration by the entire congregation and city, as well as by the sight-seers to Washington, D. C., who never fail to include this picturesque old church in their visit. The pews were all originally built like this one—square, with seats around three sides, enclosed by a wall so high that one sitting within the pew can scarcely see the heads of those sitting without; but in 1816, owing to the increased membership of the church, it became necessary to change the form of the pews to single ones, all facing the pulpit.

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"Across the aisle from Washington's pew, in the
center of the church, is the one occupied, during
his life, by Robert E. Lee, the grand and heroic
leader of the Rebel war, which, with his plate upon its door, shares the attention paid to Washington's pew. In the vestry room are numerous relies
used in Washington's time, such as the old Bible,
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"It is said that George Washington drove to this church every Sunday in the old family coach which is on exhibition in the carriage house at Mt

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"Lawrence Washington, like his illustrious ancestor, is now a faithful attendant upon the services in this church, and when asked if he had any children the sexton replied, 'he only fetches eleven.' So it appears this great name is not soon to die out, and if Lawrence is not the Father of his Country, he is the father of quite a flourishing family. "This church was built in 1767. The ceiling is low and the windows high from the floor and small. The pews, gallery and ceiling are painted white. But for the sweet-toned organ with its well-trained choir perched up in the organ loft, there is no modern invasion.

"Surrounding this quaint old brick church, reaching to its very vine clad walls, is an old fashioned 'grave yard,' studded with tombstones, upon which are written many curious epitaphs dating from 1767 to the beginning of the nineteenth century. This is one: 'Rebecca comfort of John Harper,' which seems a more respectful way of speaking of a man's wife, than calling her a 'relict,' which is done in these modern times.



EXTERIOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA.

Here is another:

'Afflictions sore long time he bore,
Physicians was in vain;
Till God was pleased death should him seize
And ease him of his pain.'

This one, dated 1799, strikes every one with peculiar warning:

'All you that come my grave to see
Prepare yourselves to follow me.
Repent and turn to God in time
You may be taken in your prime.'

SARA P. GROGAN, Washington, D. C.

Our next letter is quite a novelty in these pages,

Our next letter is quite a novelty in these pages as you will realize as you read it.

Ichabod! the glory has departed from my people.

"No longer can the dusky brave smoke his pipe in the cool shade of the forest, or loll at ease on the grassy bank of some pellucid stream, while his patient squaw toils, sweats and drudges in the truck-patch in order to provide a support for him and the pappooses. His squaw now apes the manners and customs of her pale-face sisters, and insists that her liege lord and master shall supply the wigwam with food and other necessaries.

"The consequences may be imagined but not described. The Indian brave is fast losing his falcon bearing, and his eagle-eye is growing dim and lusterless, and the sunshine has gone out of his life forever. He imagines that the wise and learned men of the long ago, who have been capering in the war dances of 'The Happy Huntinggrounds' for thousands and thousands of moons, look down with scorn upon him, and the iron enters his soul and he refuses to be comforted.

"This portion of the territory, however, is settled almost entirely by full-bloods, and civilization has not wholly subdued us. We still preserve many of the manners and customs of our forefathers intact: still our 'Feast of the Green Corn' is sacred to us, and our eagle-tail and stomp dances kept up. We invoke the assistance of the Great Spirit at our fish poisonings, and believe He looks down, well pleased, upon his Red children during the annual camp-meeting.

"Your nephew in Red,Oochalatah,or, as the white people call me,"

CHARLIE F. McGee, Bragg, Ind. Ter.

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We all love to read of daring deeds, and courage in the cause of a suffering fellow-being is worthy of all admiration,

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"In these brilliant days of our Republic, when the nation's grateful admiration for the noble Dewey, the hero of Manila, has been everywhere, poured forth, the mind naturally reverts to other acts of heroism, parallel in courageous intent if not in actual result. Among these stands conspicuous, the brave action of Commodore Ingraham, U. S. N., whose prompt determination in behalf of Hoszta, the Hungarian exile, in 1853, won him unbounded admiration both at home and abroad, while it greatly increased the respect of foreign nations for the flag of our country.

"Let us recall the facts. Martin Hoszta, a native of Hungary, while struggling with fellow patriots in the unsuccessful effort to free his country from the Austrian yoke, was compelled to flee, and, escaping to America, became in time a naturalized citizen of the United States. Years later, in 1853, Hoszta returned to the Old World to engage in business at Smyrna, on the Mediterranean, deeming his American papers sufficiently protective. He was recognized, however, and seized by order of the Austrian Consul General, and as a rebel refugee was imprisoned on an Austrian war vessel, of which there were at the time two in the harbor of Smyrna.

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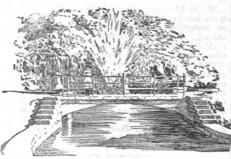
ugee was imprisoned on an Austrian war vessel, of which there were at the time two in the harbor of Smyrna.

"Notwithstanding the odds against him, Commodore Ingraham demanded the immediate release of Koszta, as an American citizen, and upon the refusal of the Austrian, Ingraham notified him that the American sloop, St. Louis, would immediately be cleared for action, and the Austrians fired upon if within a certain time, Hoszta was not delivered up. Thus warned, the Austrians yielded, and the Hungarian was given in charge of the French Consul, to be held by a neutral power until the difficulty between Austria and the United States could be settled. This being finally accomplished, Hoszta returned to his adopted home.

"For his gallant conduct in thus maintaining the honor of his country Commodore Ingraham received from the U.S. Government a handsome gold medal, and from the citizens of New York a smaller medal; the Germans presented him with a sword; from France came a handsome chronometer; from Italy an elegant brace of pistols; and from some unknown admirer a silver goblet—well deserved marks of the world's appreciation of a hero. Some of these valued gifts were lost during the Civil War, but others are still held as precious relics by the descendants of the gallant Commodore in his native city of Charleston, South Carollina.

Mrs. J. O. Adams. Beaufort, S. C.

MRS. J. O. ADAMS. Beaufort, S. C. There is one thing of which we poor mortals ever tire, and that is of beholding the wonders of nature; and here is a descripton of a marvellous spring which I know you will all find enjoyable. "One of the most wonderful springs of water in ne whole United States is that which gushes out



HUNTSVILLE SPRING.

of a cliff of rock in the very middle of Huntsville, Ala. It is said that many years ago, long before white men came to this country, a tribe of Indians who had been driven out from their own country in the west, wandered eastward, looking for a place where they could live. Finally, after many weeks of wandering, they came to this spring and the chief, thrusting his spear down into the soil, cried —'Ah-la-bah-m!' which meant, in their tongue, 'Here we rest'.' It has also been said that this same spring is the one of which Ponce de Leon had heard as a fountain of perpetual youth.

"The first white man who came here found a spring gushing out at the base of a cliff fifty feet high. It flows twenty-five million gallons of water every twenty four hours, and it is water which is beautifully sweet and pure. The outlet of the spring has now been dammed up and the water is used for the domestic and fire purposes of the city. A building has been erected in which a powerful steam pump forces the water wherever needed. The city was offered \$250,000 not long ago for this water

pump forces the water wherever needed. The city was offered \$250,000 not long ago for this water privilege, but very wisely refused it.

"At the place where the spring gushes from the rock a fountain has been arranged so that the water rises in a beautiful cluster of jets among the trees of a little park. Just on the rock above is the building used by the National bank of the city, a bank which was founded long before the war. Its

vaults are constructed in the solid rock above the spring, and are planned so ingeniously that it is



A BAPTIZING AT HUNTSVILLE SPRING

difficult to tell where the rock leaves off and the

difficult to tell where the rock leaves off and the bank buildings begin.

"In spite of all the water which is needed for the use of the city the spring is so large that a small river of surplus water flows from it. Just below the pumping station this spreads out into a shallow, broad pond into which the people drive their horses and mules to drink, and to which, on Sundays, the colored people come for their great 'baptizin'' ceremonies, one of which is shown in the picture which accompanies this article.

ARTHUR E. MCPHERSON, Huntsville, Ala.

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I have received from a cousin in Coxsackie, N. Y., a letter upon West Point and its surroundings which I am sorry not to be able to use, but for which I thank the writer.

Here is still another letter on a curious spring.

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"Waconda, or Great Spirit Spring, is located on a bend of the river in the valley of the Soleman, in Mitchell county, Kansas, and is one of the most remarkable mineral springs in the world. It was once a favorite haunt of the Indians, one of their great trails passing directly by it, and it is said that they first learned of its existence by the fall of a meteorite which buried itself in the earth of the prairie close to the mound. They cast many strange offerings into the spring, considering it sacred and a manifestation of the Great Spirit's healing powers. When the spring was cleaned out numbers of these relics, such as arrows, spears, flint-lock muskets, bead necklaces, and other varieties of ornaments, were found in it. General Fremont is supposed to have visited the spring on one of his exploring expeditions, as one of his lieutenants is buried at Clifton, near by, and a monument erected over his grave.

"The mound which contains the spring is nearly circular, and is composed of a hard, grayish rock, quite unlike any other known rock. It is about thirty feet in height, one side sloping so that carriages can be driven up the incline, while the other sides are precipitous cliffs. A rocky basin, fitty feet in diameter, contains the spring. This has been surrounded by a stone coping surmounted by an iron fence. The bed of the spring is of fine, black sand, the depth of which has never been ascertained, so deep is it. The water has a peculiar saline taste, although as clear as crystal.

"It is believed to have great medicinal value, and a sanitarium has been erected near by for the accommodation of guests and invalids.

"A curious fact about this spring is that after the earthquake at Charleston, S. C., the water sank about three feet and did not recover its ordinary level for several months.

ELLA TATUM, Barnard, Kansas.

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Don Miff.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



ERHAPS you never knew Don Miff. Per-haps, indeed, you never even heard or read of even heard or read of him. It is possible, but most deplorable, that such might be your misfortune, for to know Don Miff was, as it has been with more famous folks, "a liberal education" in itself. And now alas! Don Miff is dead—and you can know him only by tradition, and by history—two wonder ful sources through which you know such other celebrit ie s as C inderella, Mother Goose, and Napoleon.

and Napoleon.

Don Miff was not, as you might infer from his name, a Spanish grandee. He was only a little yellow dog, yet so wonderful were his hind, so winning were

qualities of heart and mind, so winning were his ways, so happy, prosperous and brilliant was his career, that he has been, like many a lord and lady of high renown, sung in verse and told in story, by some of the most noted writers of the day—he has been "snap-shotted"

writers of the day—he has been "snap-shotted" by dozens of eminent amateur photographers and even painted in oils and drawn in pastels by artists known on both sides of the sea. And now, after these and other honors have been heaped upon him, only memories of him are left to make these relics dear.

Don Miff belonged to a little scribbling woman to whom he was brought one day in the breast pocket of a great big man's coat. Of course the first thing to do was to give him a name—and as his new mistress and her friends were always eager for a new sensation, it was decided to have a christening party. Just at were always eager for a new sensation, it was decided to have a christening party. Just at that time everybody was smiling and crying on every page over that beautiful novel of southern life called "Don Miff". It was written by Virginius Dabney, "a gentleman and a scholar" in the fullest sense of both words He now alas! as well as the little yellow dog, has gone beyond our praise and plaudits to the Great Reward. "Don Miff" was the hero of this delightful novel—but that was not his real name Reward. "Don Miff" was the hero of this delightful novel—but that was not his real name—it was only its mispronunciation by a little child who loved him of the very plain and prosaic patronym "John Smith". As the little yellow puppy's mistress was a child of the Sunny South, she decided at once to name him for the book—and so in the presence of fifty friends one beautiful day in June, the little dog was christened in champagne and started on his career to fame and fortune. If they say of children that they are born with a silver spoon in their mouths, it might truly be said of him that he was born with the juiciest of marrow bones in his. He had for his god-father a member of the Vanderbilt family and his god-mother one of the most beautiful and brilliant women in America, the Marchioness Lanza, who in addition to being so lovely, is noted as the author of half a dozen most successful novels.

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Very early in his career, Don Miff exhibited a most overweening delight in finery. He dearly loved to be "dressed up" and his foolish and frivolous little mistress indulged this weakness. If he had not been at heart a really manly little fellow, no doubt he would have developed into that extraordinary creature—a dude dog! But he never did. He retained all his life a fondness for dress and in his wardrobe he had such luxuries as two fur coats for winter. One was of sealskin the other of astrachan. He had also a broadcloth "tailor-made" topcoat—of the finest imported English Melton, fashioned for him by one of the real "queens of Society" in New York and embroidered with his monogram in forget-me-nots. He always wore a little harness and he had a great number of these—all of the finest leather with mountings in gold, silver and other fine metals. One of the severest punishments that could be inflicted on Don Miff was to take off his harness in the day time. He knew that without it he could not go out, and he had all of the pampered child of luxury's customary craving to run in the street. To his harness he always wore attached a big bunch of violets, winter and summer. This was one of his amiable "fads" and so well was it known among his ter and summer. This was one of his amiable "fads" and so well was it known among his own and his mistress' friends that he received

as many flowers during the season as does a society debutante or a popular prima donna.

At Christmas, he always hung up his stocking or rather that of his mistress and it was almg or rather that of his mistress and it was always filled. One happy year he got 23 presents, including diamond buckles, gold and silver bells, dozens of yards of ribbon for bows, a string of gold beads and even some frills of real point lace to wear around his neck.

Don Miff was quite a traveled dog. As he was all the family his mistress had, she naturally wanted him with her all the time and everywhere. We all know it is declared that "willful where. We all know it is declared that "willful woman will have her way"—and she did in this. She wheeded out of railroad presidents and other high officials passes for this little yellow dog on nearly every railway in America—and there he would sit in the parlor cars with great distinction, often behaving with more dignity and discretion than other gentlemen of whom more has been expected. He was very fond of driving—and he used often to sit in grand carriages beside some of the most famous people in the world. He has driven in Central Park with the wife of a President and two of his best friends were sons of other President.

long and ancient lineage, and fell in love with a big, common watchdog—just a sort of day-laborer among dogs—a scarred and weather-beaten old mastiff that would not fetch fifteen cents if sold at auction. But like many another of the people, many another common day-laborer, he had a noble heart and a fine nature. And when little Don Miff first opened his eyes on this bitter-sweet world, he looked just his father in miniature, and as he grew it was found that he had inherited all the fidelity, the courage and poblepess that made his father. the courage and nobleness that made his father known all along the river side, as well as the aristocratic tendencies and elegant tastes of his lady mother. And as he grew in years all these traits developed and so endeared him to these traits developed and so endeared him to his friends that it was often said of him "that none knew him but to love him," and he was never spoiled by all the flattery and attention he received. He had a scrap book in which were pasted all the different articles and pictures that had been printed of him—indeed our most popular actors might have envied his "press notices," while the collection of autograph letters which he received from worldwide celebrities is indisputably the finest ever wide celebrities is indisputably the finest ever any dog owned, and would fetch a very fine price if ever offered for sale.

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For twelve gay, sunshiny years this little yellow dog ambled happily along through life, giving a great deal of amusement and entertainment to his presumable "betters". He even distinguished himself as an actor, appearing once with great success, in a play performed for the benefit of the Christmas tree given each year by the New York World to the poor children of that city. Some of the newspapers said he was the "star" of the cast—and it was indeed most laughable to see the very evident pride and pleasure with which he heard, and seemed to acknowledge, too, the applause of the crowded theater.

One night—Don Miff's last night—his mistress gave a little dinner to three of her chosen, choicest friends. After the dinner was finished and the four sat about the round, flower-decked table sipping their coffee, one of the gentlemen pulled up beside his own a chair for Don Miff, who immediately leaped upon it. He stood there, looking expectantly at his mistress, who spoke an affectionate word or two, at which, forgetting his usually irreproachable table manners, the little yellow dog sprang upon the table itself and gently, gingerly picking his way among the delicate cups and fragrant flowers, ran direct to her and actually hugged her around the neck. A burst of laughter greeted the action and then ensued a scene, the memory of which will forever linger in four minds and hearts, although the chief actor was but a dog! For an hour at least did the little fellow, by his antics, his caresses, his quaint, almost human actions and his drolleries, keep these formered the entert and the start and the search and the start by his antics, his careases, his quaint, almost human actions and his drolleries, keep these four worldly-wise, almost cynical people in a whirlwind of amusement. To each he showed some especial mark of favor, and so evident was his desire to please that all four afterwards species of it as his unquestionable intention to

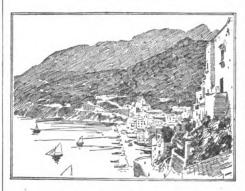
was his desire to please that all four afterwards spoke of it as his unquestionable intention to "leave a good impression."

He must have felt, poor, fond, faithful little dog, a premonition of his impending end, for before twelve hours had passed, he lay stiff and stark in death—dead by the hand of one whom he dearly loved and who loved him in return! Early the next morning this friend came to take him for a walk, but before they started the true, staunch little heart of Don Miff went wrong; and when the doctor came he could say only, "No hope—and he suffers." Then Don Miff's friend killed him to cure! As his hand threw over Don Miff's head a cloth saturated with chloroform, the fond, faithful little fellow kissed the hand that killed him. And although its owner is a man, big and strong as a giant, "he wept—and would not be comforted."

ed."

When the little dog was dead, he was covered with his favorite violets and hundreds of petals of American Beauty roses, and then was cremated. His ashes are now in a beautiful gold locket, on which are inscribed these words: "In Memory of Don Miff. Peace to his ashes."

Dozens of letters and telegrams of condolence came to his sorrowing mistress when the various New York papers told the whole world of Don Miff's death—and with them came offers of other dogs—all kinds of dogs from just plain dog to Great Danes or French bull dogs at \$1000 apiece—but she only wept and shook her head apiece—but she only wept and shook her head and answered, as Hamlet did: "Alas! we'll never look upon his like again!"



The Landslide at Amalfi.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

hotel and has since been used for that purpose. Near by is a smaller hotel, built in a hollow in the hillside close by the famous Grotto of San Francisco, where the monks had a series of devotional stations.

On the twenty-second of December last, devastation and destruction visited this quiet town and the hillside above it. Early in the morning the tourists in the two hotels were roused by strange rumblings and snappings. Many in alarm left the hotels and the authorities, being notified, attempted to allay disaster. Men from the quarries hastened in to the town to tell of ominous cracks in the rock of the to tell of ominous cracks in the rock of the headland, near the sea. The peasants hastened from the hillside as the alarm spread and danger seemed imminent. Loose stones rolled down the mountain side, and then with a crash and in a cloud of dust and dirt, a huge mass of rock broke away from its foundations and, ploughing its way down the mountain side, completely covered the Caterina Hotel and carried away one wing of the Capuccini. Then it fell with a tremendous roar into the sea, sinking several vessels in the harbor, and causing the wayes to rise and flow over the land. ing the waves to rise and flow over the land, even to the Square of Amalfi. So great was the force of the shock that it was felt for miles around and was thought to be an earthquake; and indeed, the reverberations and vibrations which followed the fall of this tremendous which followed the fall of this tremendous mass (measuring thirty thousand cubic meters) was not unlike an earthquake, and its effect was probably far worse. The little peasant villages on the mountain sides were destroyed and completely obliterated. Marry of the men and women working in the fields were struck down and their bodies, horribly mutilated, were rolled down the slope into the sea.

Consternation filled the inhabitants of Amalfi and assistance was summoned from all sides, but it will be many months before the debris can be removed from the houses and indeed many foresee a black future for the little

debris can be removed from the houses and in-deed many foresee a black future for the little town. The shape of the mountain is entirely changed as is also the coast line. A great blot lies there to disfigure the marvelous beauty of the landscape and to suggest the horror of that terrible day. The cause of the disaster cannot be, with any degree of certainty, as-certained. All along the coast the promon-tories are very precipitous and ten years ago a landslide occurred during the building of the provincial road, and although the great chasm was afterward filled in the foundations of the Capuccini promontory were severely shaken Capuccini promontory were severely shaken and at last have succumbed to the strain and the cliff has fallen into the sea carrying death

and at last have succumbed to the strain and the cliff has fallen into the sea carrying death and misery in its train.

Since the sixth century Amalfi has been famous. In those early days her trade was important and rivaled that of Pisa and Naples. She became an independent state, ruled by a "doge" and not wanting in men of letters and in works of art. In the 13th century her misfortunes began, when the sea began to undermine the lower part of the town and a disastrous inundation destroyed much property. Now the townspeople live a quiet homekeeping life, manufacturing soap and paper and entertaining tourists who are attracted in great numbers by the magnificence of the scenery.

Amalfi is proud of several things, first perhaps, of her Cathedral, and next of her townsman Florvia Gioja who is said to be the inventor of the compass, and further they claim that he invented it in his native town of Amalfi. The Cattedrale S. Andre or Cathedral of Saint Andrew was built in the 11th century. Today we find it much the same as in those days save that the portal of alternate black and white stone has been rebuilt to make it more secure. The bronze doors of this Cathedral are a valuable relic of the days in which the edifice was built. They were made by Byzantine masters,

The bronze doors of this Cathedral are a valuable relic of the days in which the edifice was built. They were made by Byzantine masters, eight centuries ago, and bear Latin inscriptions in silver letters. The church contains several ancient pieces of sculpture and mosaics of great value. But the center of interest to the tourist is the Crypt into which one may descend by a flight of steps and then, oh wonder of wonders! one may gaze upon a holy relic. It is no less than the remains of the apostle Andrew, brought here from Constantinople in the 13th century. From this holy relic is said to exude an oily substance which has most marvellous power and pilgrims travel from afar to kneel in this holy crypt. this holy crypt.

this holy crypt.

On the mountain sides are groves of orange and lemon; from the shore stretches the blue sea reflecting in its clear, calm depths the wonders of those lofty heights above. Such was Amalfi before its terrible catastrophe. What it shall be time alone can tell. To those who love the quiet town by the sea and whose eye knew well the beautiful contour of the headlands and promontories Amalfi is Amalfi no more.

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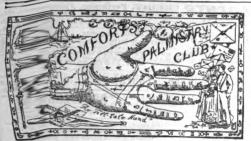
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To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank paper over a candle or similar flame, until they are heavily coaleed with the smoke. Then lay these pieces down, smoke side experiences one on a pad of cotton. Now place the two hands, palms downward, one on each sheet of paper, pressing firmly and steadily down, but taking care not to move the hand. Reep them so for one minute and lift carefully, so as not to disturb the impression. Have ready some fixativ, which can be be aght at a drug store or an art store or made with gumarable and water in an atomizer. Spray this over the impression shelf of the spray this over the impression shelf of the sender of the sender of the consistency of thick cream. Pour this into a large shallow dish and when it is hardening place the hand, well—reased, palm downward, in the plaster, pressing downward. Several minutes will be required to get this impression and great care must be taken in removing the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to break the plaster, dist as exceedingly difficult to break the plaster, well be required to get this impression and great care must be taken in removing the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to break the plaster, well be required to get this impression and great care must be taken in removing the hand, not or provide the same successfully used in place of plaster. A good photograph if sufficiently well taken to bring out all the lines, can also be read, although in all cases the smoked paper is the best, if properly treated with fixatif.

Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

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INGULARLY I have two hands to read that are both of the Venus type this month. The Venus hand, as we call it, either has a large mount of Venus or is large at the base of the thumb. People in professional life usually have the Mount of Venus strongly developed, especially musicians and preachers. When it is broad and full it shows great affection, kindness, animation and energy. It is usually accompanied by a great fondness of the opposite sex with a good natured disposition and strong passions.

with a good natured disposition and strong assions.

When it is combined with a Mars hand (that is, besides being full on the Mount of Venus is also full between the fourth finger and the wrist and possibly between the fore finger and the thumb, it shows a person who is quarrelsone, violent, unjust and cruel. If such a person be an artist he will paint war scenes. If he be a public speaker, preacher or lawyer, will be fond of controversy and argument. Dersons having such hands are properly decaded and well balanced they will be good cople, but if such hands are accompanied by the bad signs their owners will not only be alsagreeable but apt to be a criminal. The yenus and Mars hand when properly combinged is excellent and will make a good lawyer, an ulacturer, politician or an aggressive parson.

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A. B. C." has an excellent hand which belongs either to an artist or a musician or possibly to one having gifts for both. The life line indicates a long and untroubled life, while the fate line is excellent, showing almost steady good duck from childhood to old age. This person will marry young and make a good marriage, financially. She will be loving, kind and tender, sympathetic in all her husband's activities although a little inclined to be flirty. However, as she is extremely sensitive to what people say of her and as she is always right in her intentions, her husband may safely trust her and, in fact, she will have very little to disturb the even tenor of her ways throughout her life.

The hand of "X" is a Venus hand also, but is decidedly different in type. The mount is much cross-barred and there are signs that this person will be dissipated, vain, flirtatious and will carry the art of flirtation into

licention sness.
When this person is old it is likely that this Mount will become flat. He will be ungrate. will be ungrate-ful for all which is done for him and will never marry being of too selfish a nature and too great a coquette. He will be haunt-

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great deal and there will be some disagreeable if not fatal accident indicated by the islands on the Mount of the Moon. The health will not be very strong and this person should be very abtemious if he would preserve life.

I have had a number of inquiries about the shape of the fingers and finger nails. There existed formerly an ancient art of divination termed Onychomancy, or Divination by the Finger Nails. Into the study of this art much of charlatanry, superstition, ignorance and fraud of the soi-disant sorcerers of the early and Middle ages necessarily was infused, and the rites whereby auguries were drawn from rings suspended on the finger nails, or from the figures formed by the reflection of the sun's rays falling upon the finger nails of a child which had been previously polished with oil, are too absurd to receive a moment's consideration when pursuing investigations, the aim of which is the discovery of truth. The finger

nails follow of course to a very great extent the shape of the tips of the fingers. Still, very considerable, indication of character may be found in the aspect of the finger nails, which,

of Cheirosophy, are as follows:
If the nails are short, broad rather than long, with the skin growing far up them, the subject will be pugnacious, critical in disposition, fond of domination and control in matters relating to himself and to him surposed in the them. of domination and control in matters relating to himself and to his surroundings; in fact, he will be imbued with a spirit of meddlesomeness. His establishment will be minutely ordered, and regularly conducted. With spatulate fingers and a short thumb this subject will be constantly tidying things away, arranging and dusting his rooms for himself, and organizing the disposition of his property.

A quarrelsome woman has short nails with a small heart line and a straight head line inclining to turn up towards the little finger. She will also have a flat Mount of Mercury filled with little lines and a high Mount of Moon and of Mars with large finger joints.

It is not to be taken for granted, however, that a person with short nails is necessarily

It is not to be taken for granted, however, that a person with short nails is necessarily pugnacious or over critical. Short nails denote a quick intellect with a clear, sharp-sighted brain. If they are accompanied by a good head line, they indicate executive ability and with a good sun line they show a good talent for mimicry and badinage. Short nailed people make the best newspaper writers and are apt to make good actors. If they are white, with a tendency to pinkness and transparency, the nails indicate delicacy, tact and good taste. Some of the old authorities claim that very dark colored nails indicate a brutish, treacherous disposition.

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I am often asked what is meant by spots on the nails. I do not myself place much dependence on these things. Heron Allen, however has this to say:

White marks upon the thumb rail denote affection, which is generally reciprocated. Rays of white on the same nail show a useless and ill-directed attachment, whilst black grots.

and ill-directed attachment, whilst black spots denote faults (or even crimes) resulting from

A white mark on the nail of the first, or fore-finger, foreshadows a gain, and a black mark a loss. On the nail of the second finger the white mark tells of a voyage, and a black one of impending destruction. On the third finger nail a white mark denotes honor and wealth, and a black mark

infamy and base-ness. White marks on the little finger nail de-notes a faith in science and commercial gain. These are the dicta of traditional Onychomacy. Sir Thomas Browne, in his "Pseudoxia Epidemica" speaks as follows concerning the indications of the finger nails: "That temper a ment aldignotions and conjecture of prevalent humors may be collected from spots in the nails we are not averse to concede; but yet not ready to admit sundry divinations yulgarly raised upon them, nor do we observe 'Pseudoxia Epi-

but yet not ready to admit sundry divinations vulgarly raised upon them, nor do we observe it verified in others what Cardan discovered as a property in himself to have found therein some signs of most events that ever happen to him. Or that there is much considerable in that doctoring of Chiryomancy, that spots in the tops of the nails do signify things past; in the middle things present; and at the bottom things to come. That white specks pressage our felicity, blue ones our misfortunes. That those in the nails of the thumb have signification of honor; those in the forefinger of riches; and so respectively in other fingers, as Tricassus

so respectively in other fingers, as Tricassus hath taken up, and Picciolus well rejecteth."
"To have yellow speckles in the nails of one's hands," says Melton, "is a greate signe of death."

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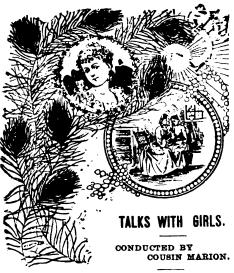
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The last month of Summer, my dears, and I am pretty sure you are looking forward gratefully to the cooler days of Autumn. Doesn't the time fly? Only the other day, it seems, that we hailed the coming of Summer in the month of roses, and now we are close to the season of the fading flowers. Heigho, if we could only stop it. However, there is work to do, not whining over what cannot be helped.

The first is Billie D. of Providence. R. I. with several questions. (1) The young man should not call you by your first name under any circumstances if you do not want him to. Politely request him not to do it. (2) It is very gracious of a lady to ask men to call. (3) There is no significance in the man's wearing the girl's ring unless the two understand it as signifying something.

Mabel and Gretchen, Butler, Pa.—There are dozens of games that may be played at parties where there are boys. Indeed, all parlor games except "kissing games" are quite permissible. (2) There is no definite length of time that the engagement ring should be worn, but it should not be worn too long. Very long engagements are all right, but they should not be announced by ring or otherwise. (2) Don't go to the store to talk to a young man except on business. (4) Opera is not intended for boys and girls. That is to say "the opera." Hayside Twins, Maple Grove, Minn.—It is not right for a teacher to flirt with his pupils. What

Hayside Twins, Maple Grove, Minn.—It is not right for a teacher to flirt with his pupils. What is more, it is wrong. (2) Have you never heard the old adage: "If you expect to rate as gentlemen you must not expectorate in the presence of ladies?" However, it is not quite so bad as that. (3) In my opinion it is absolutely wrong to play baseball on Sunday, but a good many million of people do not think as I do. I think I am safe though in saying that not a great many ladies go to see Sunday games of ball.

Willia. Rinley. Miss.—Nobody my day with the popular was a sunday will be supplied to the sunday games of ball.

willia, Ripley, Miss.—Nobody, my dear, has ever yet found out just why "young gentlemen love young ladies". The Lord only knows: He made them that way. (2) Don't have your picture taken with a man except in a picnic group or something of that sort. (3) Ask him to call; it promotes good feeling. (4) High collars are still popular.

feeling. (4) High collars are still popular.

Thelma, Caro, Mich.—Quite proper to give the young man a birthday present. (2) Why should you let him wear your ring? (3) Better go to a regular glove cleaner with white gloves. (4) Dancing in moderation is all right. (5) No.

Brown Eyes, Chicago, Ill.—Yes. (2) Let him know they are not agreeable. (3) Depends upon how well he is known. (4) Suit yourself about that. (5) Don't think of him at all. (6) Give it up. (7) Let him go to the other girl. P. S. You ask too many questions.

Topsy, Leoti, Kan.—You had a personal right, I think, to destroy the photograph of yourself belonging to some one else, but hardly a legal right. Whatever the photograph looked like, it was the property of the other person.

Maryolaine, Jackson, Mich.—I think you would not run a great risk in marrying the young man.

Teacher, Bridgeport, Tenn.—Ask the publisher of the algebra. Inclose postage for reply.

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Triplet, Clarendon, Tenn.—Unless there is special occasion for it, men do not now offer their arms to ladies with whom they walk. (2) Fifteen year old girls should wear their hair as most becomes them. (8) Simply accept his company and thank him. (4) Cut the acquaintance of the "two-faced girl". (5) Socially, girls of fifteen are not recognized except as children. They don't go calling and they don't have cards.

Mand Hutts Greenwille.

Maud Hutts, Grocerville, Fla.—I have not space to tell you what you ask about the Flag. Ask your teacher to tell you who Betsy Ross was.

Mignonette, Jackson, Mich.—Don't love the man sufficiently well to overlook his faults, but love him in spite of his faults.

him in spite of his faults.

Sunflower, Friend, Kan.—When you gave him the mitten," you should have given him back all the presents he gave you.

C. and L., Clearfield, Pa.—If you are tall and do not weigh over 170 you had better be careful how you attempt to reduce your weight. Consult a physician. (2) The man may ask the girl's age, but she doesn't have to answer. (3) Do not speak or write to men whom you do not know, of course.

Attentive Reader, Max. S. C.—See answer (2) to Triplet, above. (2) Let the young man walk to the church door with you, even if he did not come the rest of the way.

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Alberta and Jacqulina, Sprague, Wash.—Drop the young men rather than the church. But can't you have religion and "mental science" at the same time? (2) A nice girl should feel offended at such remarks from a man waltzing with her. (3) Sciffing with a young man is quite unladylike. (4)

name of common sense do you love a man who tells you he doesn't care for you, and treats you like a rag? Have some spirit about you and throw him over the fence.

him over the fence.

Sue. Kilgore, Ky.—"Et omnes amant" is not French, but Latin. Et means "and," omnes means "all," and amant means "they love." (2) That you love dancing and flirtation and music is no sign why you should not become a good trained nurse, but do not undertake it until you know what is before you, because it is very hard work. There are training schools for nurses in every large city. Ask your doctor about the Cincinnati schools, or write to Superintendent City Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, inclosing postage. (3) Why did you write to the boys?

Gypsy, Lyons, Ind.—A women of the state of the stat

Gypsy. Lyons, Ind.—A woman of twenty-one who does not know which one of three men she loves. doesn't love any of them, and oughtn't to be any-body's wife.

DOMY'S WITE.

Unsigned, Trout Lake, Texas.—If I could answer satisfactorily, as you ask me to do, all your health questions, I would be the richest woman in the United States and a lot of doctors would be out of a job

a job.

Etheland, Meadville, Pa — Dear me, dear me, you couldn't suffer more than you are suffering even if you married the worst kind of a man. Since the one your parents object to is all right except his poverty, marry him, and be happy. The parents will get over it.

Undecided, Constableville, N. Y.—That work is best for you for which you are best fitted by education, temperament and physical strength to undertake. Choose the one that seems to be most attractive to you.

ers, Alton, Pa.—Let the brotherly love continue, within bounds. And do not encourage it.

Babes, Kenoma, Mo .- Ask half as many questions There, my dears, we have come to the end of our August talk, and I feel as if I had been sitting in the midst of a company of you and we had been having just the loveliest time. May the good Lord keep you till we come together again. By by.

Cousin Marion.

Santa Catalina.

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N all its 1000 miles of sea coast, California of-fers no more attractive sport to anglers as well as for mere seekers after beautiful scenery than Santa Catalina Island. This gem of the Pacific is situated about 20 miles off the coast, near miles off the coast, near Los Angeles. Its climate is like the California climate in general, delightful in the extreme. The weather is quite mild even during the winter months, and the island is a favorite resort for tourists. The scenery is beautiful scenery is beautiful— semi-tropical trees, mountain and ravine combine with ocean to make the island an ideal place. The forests are stocked with game, while in the waters around the island is to be had some of the

be had some of the finest game fishing in the country.

The black sea bass as it is called is not unlike the ordinary fresh-water variety in appearance, though there is a decided difference in size, as the Californian sea-bass has been known to attain a length of seven feet, and a weight of five hundred pounds. Yet these monsters have frequently been taken with rod and reel, provided the fisherman has enough skill and patience. Frequently, however it happens that the angler finds one of these big fellows more than a match for his tackle, and is obliged to resort to the surer but perhaps not so picture. to resort to the surer but perhaps not so picturesque hand line.

Another fish that furnishes great sport is the

Another fish that furnishes great sport is the yellowtail, a beautiful specimen with its back a rich shade of blue, shading to a silvery white on the under parts, and the fins and tail the golden yellow color that gives the fish its name. The yellow tail is very gamy and quite large—it having been known to reach a weight of eighty pounds, though this is unusual, from thirty to sixty pounds weight being considered a large fish, while most anglers find that a ten pound yellow tail can keep him extremely busy for quite a while.

The banacuda is another game fish that gives the anglers a good deal of sport, while small

The banacuda is another game non that gives the anglers a good deal of sport, while small rock bass, bonits, and white fish all help to keep him in good spirits. But perhaps the king of all game fish is the tuna, which attains a weight of two-hundred and fifty pounds. It surpasses even the Flordia tarpon, in the surpasses even the Flordia tarpon, in the strength of its rushes—and leaps sometimes ten or twelve feet out of the water when hooked. It has even been known to leap clear over the boat in one of its rushes. The presence of the tuna is known by the appearance of schools of little fish jumping out of the water to escape their pursuer. A few tuna are taken on hand their pursuer. A few tuna are taken on hand lines, but it is said to be impossible to capture one with rod and reel. The experiment has been tried times without number but always to the discomfiture of the angler and the triumph of King Tuna.

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HE return of Mark Twain to Mark Twain to his native land after an absence of a number of years has occasioned much dinner giving and banqueting complimentary to this genial humorist. He has been wined and dined until he has been aland dined until he has been al-most compelled to plead mercy for his digestive organs.

The career of

The career of S a m u e l L. Clemens, "Mark Twain," has been that of a poor boy in a little Missouri town rising by his own efforts to the distinction of being one of the most distinguished and one of the wealthiest literary men of the day. It is true that Mark Twain is not as rich as he once was, but he is rich enough to have refused an offer of fifty thousand dollars for one hundred lectures. He has paid eighty thousand dollars of the

fifty thousand dollars for one hundred lectures. He has paid eighty thousand dollars of the debts of honor he felt that he ought to pay when the firm of C. L. Webster and Co., of which he was a member, failed.

Samuel L. Clemens was born in the little town of Florida, Missouri, on the thirtieth day of November in the year 1835 so that he is now sixty-five years of age. When young Clemens was but eighteen years of age he was apprenticed to a printer and he worked at the case in different parts of the west and east. In 1855 he took a trip down the Mississippi and became so fascinated with river steamboat life that he learned to be a pilot and he followed this calling for a short time. Then he caught the mining fever and went out to Nevada where he later embarked in journalism as the editor of The later embarked in journalism as the editor of The that he was editor of the Enterprise. It was during the three years that he was editor of the Enterprise that he began to use the pen name of "Mark Twain." The significance of the name may not be generally known. It is the cry used on a river steamer when the lookout throws the lead and finds the depth of the water to be just two fathoms. When this happens the lookout two fathoms. When this happens the lookout calls "mark twain," which means "at the mark of two fathoms." Mr. Clemens heard this cry

a good many times on the Mississippi River steamers and it suggested the nom de plume by which he is better know than by his own name. After leaving Nevada Mark Twain went to California and became a reporter in San Francisco and he afterward worked in the gold diggings in Calaveras. He spent several months gings in Calaveras. He spent several months

on the Sandwich Islands in the year 1866, and on his return he began to lecture. Two years later he went with a party of friends up the Mediterranean to Egypt and Palestine, the outcome being that rollicking book, "Innocents Abroad." After editing a paper in Butfalo for awhile he married and made his permanent home in Hartford. He became a member of the firm of C. L. Webster & Co., publishers, and for a time the firm was most prosperous; then it met with reverses and went under, carrying the greater part of Mark Twain's handsome fortune with it. Then Mr. Clemens set himself the task of paying the creditors every dollar due them. It is said that he has done this, having earned the money by writing and lecturing.

Speaking of this matter Mark Twain said: "I am not a business man, and honor is a harder master than the law. It cannot compromise for less than one hundred cents on the dollar, and its debts never outlaw. I had a two-thirds in the wealth of the same was the said that the same control of the same was the same on the Sandwich Islands in the year 1866, and

for less than one hundred cents on the dollar, and its debts never outlaw. I had a two-thirds interest in the publishing firm, whose capital I furnished. If the firm had prospered I should have expected to have collected two-thirds of the profits. As it is, I expect to pay all the debts." This lofty sense of honor has endeared Mark Twain more than ever to his countrymen. It has taken him nine years to pay this indebtedness. He has spent the winter in New York and will now go to his old home in Hartford, where he will work or play as he pleases. He has certainly earned the right to have his choice in regard to the matter. choice in regard to the matter.

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HE great source of light and life touches the first point of Libra "crossing the line" into southern declination at about one minute past one o'clock in the afternoon of September 23rd, 1901, Washington Mean Time. At that moment the Autumn quarter commences.

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In the figure of the heavens erected for that time, the last degrees of Sagittarius will be on the Ascending horizon and the 20th degree of Libra will be on the meridian. Jupiter, the greater benefic, rules the Mideaven and each of the benefics are in the angles which they thus rule and are in benevolent aspect with each other—a remarkable testimony of harmony between the people and the governing authorities of the country. The sun is past the meridian in the 9th house; Mercury is on the south meridian itself; Venus is in the 10th; Mars is on the 11th cusp; Herschel is in the 12th; Jupiter and Saturn are in the ascendant; the moon is close to the 2nd cusp, and Neptune is about to set in the West.

The promises of the figure continue to be good for the progress and welfare of the people and the country as a nation. In fact, nearly every figure for months has repeated the indications of our success and progress among the governments of the world. This figure has Mercury powerfully located on the midheaven, which points to some great discovery in our scientific world, or some wonderful intellectual or literary achievement during the autumn months. The books tell us that in such cases "Merchants and scribes, scholars and ingenious men are honored by the King."

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2-Monday. Be careful in speech and correspondence in the forenoon hours and "make haste very slowly" in buying goods or forming judgments, for rashness will now work injury; the afternoon has the choicest conditions of the day and should be given preference for making beginnings and for money transactions of all kinds; when also thy purchases in business should be made and transactions pertaining to houses, lands, mines, wells, and all classes of excavations should be urged.

Self, and all continue the self-state and the desired as a self-state of yesterday with increased vigor; let literary productions of minor character be launched during the forenon; urge correspondence, sign deeds and writings, and make agreements about improvement of real estate and the production of minerals, metals, etc.; deal with printers, mathematicians, scientists, inventors, and all in the literary callings.

4-Wednesday. Give preference to this day for transactions pertaining to the elegant pursuits, polite literature, artistic labors and musical productions; though architectural work and decorative matters concerning real estate and building is best deferred a white.

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5—Thursday. Choose not this day for beginning any important undertaking, for no matter how favorable the promises they prove delusive and are likely to result very disastrously. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday or if born about the 5th of March, June, or December of past years, both health and finances will need to be watched vigilantly for a season and thou shouldst not be surprised if baffled in business matters in many strange and unexpected ways. Marriageable ladies born about the date indicated had better be slow to accept the matrimonial profer made at this time, and married ladies so born should do nothing to invite strange matriments intellectudes with or through their life partners, or if the family relations; lovers will need to be careful that engagements are not broken during these passing days.

6-Friday. Look out for the pennies on this day lest they take to themselves wings and fly away, without benefit or advantage to thyself; don't sign any writings obligating thyself financially, nor buy any goods for trade or profit; shun business communications with large corporations and with public officials nor seek any favor from thine employer or persons having authority or being in command.

T—Saturday. The early morning is the least favorable part of this day when no transactions concerned with buildings, excavations, or embankments should be had; do not deal in lumber, wood, coal, petroleum, or building materials of any kind; as the forencon advances, however, give every energy to thy business and seek favor from thy superior.

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S.—Sunday. An excellent day for improvement of the mind and for proper appreciation of the merits of literary and scientific productions; the mind, however, inclines rather more towards the sombre and reflective and the contemplation of the grand and sublime in nature and art than towards the flowery and ornate.

9—Monday. Avoid contentions and disputes during the morning for they will be easily provoked; have no surgical operation performed nor engage in experiments with explosives or dangerous chemicals; as the day ad-vances let all energies be given to the prosecution of gen-eral business.

10—Tuesday. The elegant pursuits are more favored on this day and engagements in that direction are encouraged; art productions, musical and dramatic merchandise, dry and fancy goods and articles of adornment are best dealt in, and sales are likely to be more profitable than purchases; have no dealings with farmers, miners, builders, plumbers, or millwrights; money transactions are best deferred until the morrow.

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11—Wednesday. One of the best days of the month which REGULUS recommends to his friends for the inauguration of the more important ventures of the passing time; have transactions relative to banking and money affairs, machinery and manufacturing materials, mason-ry, plumbing, building, agricultural and mining products and generally crowding all thine affairs; do not waste a moment of the choice influences that now prevail.

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12—Thursday. This day is less to be depended upon for any important move. Have no dealings with government officials or persons in charge of great public works. Do not make any beginning in great ventures nor seek advancement in thy several avocations; railroad officials and employees will be short of patience and there is likely to be serious disagreement of master and servant in railroad matters.

railroad matters.

13-Friday. An unfavorable day for the literary pursuits and when all business should be transacted with caution; thou wilt be wise to watch thine expenditures, avoid important contracts, and defer correspondence; those employed with the pen should act with great circumspection; errors of account are more than usually liable to be made in mercantile matters; be sure not to bind thyself as surety on this day unless willing to pay the bond.

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14—Saturday. Avoid thy landlord in the morning nor have any dealings with contractors, miners, farmers, and persons engaged in the laborious and dirty avocations; the day improves as it advances and encourages the pursuit of general business; deal with inventors, scientists, antiquarians and persons noted for eccentricity of habit or dress; travel and remove in the afternoon.

15—Sunday. Were this other than the Sabbath day our friends would be urged to improve every moment in matters of art and music; the power of execution will be increased and the mind stimulated in such directions. The musical portion of religious services will be inspiring and effective.

16-Monday. Another of the cheering days of the

month and REGULUS commends it to his friends for urging their most important ventures; buy goods for trade, deal with bankers, judges, and monied men generally in the forenoon; use the afternoon for dealing with real estate men, plasterers, plumbers, gardeners, nurserymen, farmers, miners, and building contractors; put a bridle on the tongue in the evening and avoid haste in all engagements in those hours.

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17—Tuesday. Sign no contract pertaining to lands or their improvement; make no engagement in the literary world, nor deal with booksellers, printers, pressyniters or other persons employed with the pen; persons in the literary callings in life have more balling experiences than usual just at this time, especially if born about the 1st of January, 29th of March, 2nd of July or 3rd of October of past years; nor should they be discouraged if they do not make their usual progress, or if they are defeated or disappointed in their expectations.

18—Wednesday. Use the forenoon for seeking favor or advancement from thine employer or from persons in superior positions of control; use the day vigorously for all general business.

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19—Thursday. Begin this day early and urge all business diligently. REGULUS particularly urges his friends in the intellectual pursuits to press their efforts in forwarding their several ventures; commercial men are favored at this time; make contracts, change residence, and let the mind be employed to the fullest extent; deal with printers, stationers, booksellers and councillors; apply for patents, register trade marks, and obtain copyrights.

20—Friday. A day contributing energy and inviting activity in nearly all the walks in life and especially those concerned with things that serve to please and gratify mankind.

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21—Saturday. Give preference to the forenoon of this day for thy most vigorous efforts in business; purchase articles of dress or of a decorative nature, also musical and dramatic goods; deal with banks and persons of wealth, also persons of refinement and high social standing; as the evening approaches be not surprised to find thine efforts productive of less good if thou art not haffled altogether in forwarding thine undertakings; make no bargain for houses or land or its products in the late afternoon.

22—Sunday. A very fair Sabbath day, though more

22—Sunday. A very fair Sabbath day, though more conducive to mental excitement and voluble and aggressive utterances than to logical discussion and legitimate conclusions.

23—Monday. Make personal applications to public officials and persons in authority for favor or advantage during the middle hours of the day and crowd all honorable undertakings to the utmost in the last two-thirds of the day.

the day.

24—Tuesday. Make no purchases of ornamental or fancy wares in the early part of this day but use the forenoon for crowding the general affairs of life; as the noon is passed put on the "cap of caution"; be not over-sensitive to rebuke from thine employer; be deliberate in judgment and see that no harm comes to thy interests through haste of speech or act; keep out of all disputes and be temperate in all things.

25—Wednesday. Another one of the bright days for all classes of commercial and mercantile transactions; for seeking loans or money accommodations; for all the literary undertakings and for most vigorous mental effective

26—Thursday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday without abatement until the early afternoon; make engagements with architects and all persons in the polite and artistic callings in life; expect no favor from rail-road employees in the afternoon but give all thine energies to business so far as it is possible in the late hours of the day.

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27—Friday. Be in no baste to begin musical or artistic matters in the morning hours; choose not this day for thy wedding day, nor expect much profit or advantage from the elegant avocations or dealings with the fair sex; apoplectic and heart troubles are increased at this time; let surfeits, highly seasoned foods and exciting drinks be avoided; religious and ecclesiastical matters suffer detriment.

riment.

28—Saturday. Deal not in real estate nor replenish thy stock in trade of woolens; the day is unpromising; discouraging for the purse and embarrassing to the progress of enterprise. REGULUS advises all who claim this as a birthday anniversary or who were born about the 25th of March, or 26th of June or December of past years, to exercise more than ordinary care in matters of finance, avoiding the loss of surplus capital by not risking it at this time in new ventures. Be satisfied with moderate gains in established business, rather than taking new risks.

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29—Sunday. The day does not promise well for mental exertion, or enjoyment of literary work, but otherwise is fair in promise.

30—Monday. Be up with the sun and urge business every moment of the day until the late afternoon; buy goods to sell again and deal with banks and the wealthy classes; push all real estate matters such as improvements, building, repairs, furnishing, renting and buying; the latter part of the day is unfavorable for the elegant avocations and dramatic, musical, and social engagements prove less profitable and satisfactory than usual.

The Pacific Cable.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.



INCE the laying of the Atlantic cable the idea of a trans-Pacific cable has been often discussed and plans have been laid before Congress and private companies have be-

come interested in the project from time to But it was not until the islands in the time. But it was not until the islands in the far Pacific came within the jurisduction of the United States that a great need for a Pacific cable was felt. It is now costing our government not less than \$400,000 a year for cable communication to Manila and each message travels about 14,000 miles or nearly three fifths of the distance around the world. From our coast a message must go to Ireland, thence to England, from there across to France and overland to the Mediterranean, then by cable to northern Africa and by land and cable to Suez, through the Red Sea and Indian Ocean to India, Cochin China and Hong Kong, and thence to Manila. In its travels the message must be repeated some fifteen times thus making errors very probable and secrecy imposing errors very probable and secrecy impossible. Thus it will easily be seen that the ing errors very probable and secrecy impossible. Thus it will easily be seen that the United States government would be the better protected and would be financially favored by cable extending directly from our own shores to those of our possessions in the east. And there is little doubt but that the present year will see the commencement of the undertaking. Already a British enterprise of this kind is on foot and Canada and Australia are pledged to help the home government in the carrying out of the project. The route of this cable will be from Vancouver, south-west to the Fanning Islands, thence to Norfolk Island and Australia and New Zealand (see map).

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Now as to the route of our American trans-Pacific cable, there are several propositions. It seems rather strange to the casual observer that a cable by way of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands should have been proposed, but the fact is that that route would be no longer than a direct line across the Pacific. It would be along the shore where the cable could be laid in shoal wat a making the risk of breaking far less but it would necessitate about fifteen staless but it would neccessitate about fifteen sta-tions and much of the line would have to be built or laid on territory belonging to foreign powers, which is a great disadvantage in times

of war.

The President, in his message on this subject, recommended that a cable be built "wholly under control of the United States" and for this reason the southern route is the one which will doubtless be accepted.

Before any route can be decided upon it is of great importance

that careful surveys be made of the bottom of the sea, the islands along the way and any obstacles which would hinder construction. This work has already been partly done by the U. S. S. "Nero". The report of this work is exceedingly interesting. The route surveyed is from San Francisco to Hawaii, thence by Midway Islands and Guam to Manila. The survey has found that near Midway Islands is an extradinary submarine mountain rising from a depth of 2,200 fathoms to within 82 fathoms of the surface. Again near Guam is one of the deepest parts of the ocean yet sounded, where the sea floor sinks to a depth of over 4,000 fathoms. It is very important that all such elevations and depressions should be found before the laying of the cable is begun, for the cable must be carried around them and not over or through them. It is where the cable is bent over an elevation that it becomes weak and breaks, and the most level part of the sea floor is, for this reason, chosen.



The great length of each span of cable makes breakages very probable, and it will doubtless be decided to lay two parallel lines of cable so that if accident should happen to one the other could be used. It is also proposed to build a line from Hawaii to Fanning Island thus connecting with the British lines to Vancouver and Australia and Australia

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The probable cost of laying a trans Pacific cable will be about \$2,000.000 and the question is, shall the government bear this expense and own the cable, or shall a private company be formed, subsidized by the government. If the government undertakes it, the expense to those who will use the line will be less, as the government could better afford to wait some years for returns than could a private company. There is much expense, also, in maintaining and repairing the cable; a cable ship must be maintained which shall be always somewhere along the route of the cable, to repair in the shortest possible time any break, and in the Pacific it will probably be thought best to have more than one, owing to the long distances. And owing to the same conditions a very heavy cable must be used. The cable itself is of copper wire, wound with other wire to give it strength and covered with gutta percha. Often the whole is smeared with pitch to protect if from certain sea animals that attack it for the gutta percha.

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There is now no longer any doubt of our need for a cable across the Pacific and it is the opinion of the statesmen of our country that the work should not be longer delayed. Within three years we shall be able to communicate with the Philippine Islands over rivers which belong to American citizens and which pass through lands of our own. The completion of this new cable will complete the circuit of electric messages around the world and bring the "new east" into close relation with the "new west."

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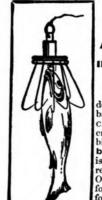


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HE furnishings of the chambers in a house give a fairly good in-sight into the characsight into the character of the housewife, and the way a bed is made and dressed tell you instantly whether she is orderly and careful and gives great attention to details, or whether she simply sees that the bed is made and that the room has a fairly orderly appearfairly orderly appearance. In the living rooms of a well-regu-

lated home there should not be too much primness. The rooms should be brushed and dusted and put in order at least once a day, but stiffness and an air of too much order takes away the home feeling which should pervade the general living rooms of every home. But in the chambers it is best to preserve strict order, as an idea of disorder or confusion in a chamber takes away the restful feeling which should fall upon one on entering.

As the bed is the most conspicuous article of furniture, it should be given special attention in decoration, due care being given to the fact that careless guests may throw a suit case or dusty wraps on it, upon entering, for which reason materials that will launder well and easily should be chosen.

For beds in constant use, where the spread is removed every night, there is nothing so

For beds in constant use, where the spread is removed every night, there is nothing so serviceable as a heavy white fringed spread, large enough so that the fringe will come to the floor on both sides and at the foot, forming a valance. With a spread of this kind (which costs \$3.50 and is easily laundered) use one of the papier mache bolsters, which are light and easy to handle. This should be covered with cambric of the color used in decorating the room, and then with white dotted muslin, gathered in at the ends, with a bow of ribbon. There should be a band of the ribbon around the center, with a big bow on top. This dresses

do for stiff, hard hair that is growing gray is constant brushing. In the fall of the year, when the proper shedding of old hair can be expected, and again in the early spring, when the young growth comes on, a soft, light brush is the only kind to use. By this arrangement the bristles run through the hair without tearing or breaking the strands as they go, and yet they carry away all the loose lying dandruff on the surface of the scalp and all the dust that hangs in the tangled mesh of locks.

Brushing done in this way can't hurt the most sensitive scalp, while if the process is carefully gone through once a day the head can be kept so clean that it actually won't need washing more than once in two or three

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If one is delicately cleanly and ambitious to If one is delicately cleanly and ambitious to possess fine, luxuriant, sweet-smelling hair one should never fail to brush her scalp and then her length of locks every night before retiring. After the dusty day her hair and head are as full of dust as an old unbeaten carpet, and every bit of deposit can be removed by going over her tresses and her scalp with clean, white brushes and then braiding the locks in two loose tails down the back; she will not only feel cleaner but sleep the better for the operation.

Gasoline or naphtha are the proper cleansers

Gasoline or naphtha are the proper cleansers for hair brushes. After they have been plunged in a bowl of either liquid and rubbed quickly, one against the other, they should be set in the open air to dry, and thus in ten minutes will be ready for use again.

A head to be kept clean requires that the brushes be cleaned as often as three times a week; and now for washing the head itself. Shampoo it in tepid water and pure castile soap once in six months, not oftener, and at the season when trees and hedges are cut back clip off a quarter inch at the ends of the strands. That is quite enough pruning. After a shampoo the a quarter inch at the ends of the strands. That is quite enough pruning. After a shampoo the hair is terribly dry and stiff and then rub in a little of that precious brilliantine that a French chemist makes from the oil that Nature supplies in the sheep's fleece.

It is very pure, nourishing, and very lightly perfumed and looks like a jelly and costs a lot, but it brings the roughness out of hair unfailingly. After this treatment brush the head properly every night, and then once in six

ingly. After this treatment brush the head properly every night, and then once in six weeks, if one has been traveling or the weather is pretty hot, give the head a secondary cleaning. It is not a bit less thorough than the soap and water treatment, but it is far less heroic and one should alternate between a cleaning with wheat flour and one with naphtha.

If one objects to naphtha, which is dangerous, one can just as effectively but more slowly purify her hair by shaking into it a handful of wheat flour and then dividing the locks into sections brush out the white dust. Doing this three or four times produces a pan-

Doing this three or four times produces a pan-ful of refuse that by its color and consistency very clearly proves that the head has been rid

of an amazing accumulation.

As a rule, hair that is turning gray and falling can, in a man or woman under 50, be checked in its evil courses by keeping it very clean, using a soft brush lightly, and by

aid of one finger mas-sage. The charm of massage is that it not massage is that it not only brings out a new growth, but brings it out even darker than the natural color of the old hair. Any patient and sufficiently a m bitious individual can help their hair by massaging it night and morning and massaging it correctly. There is a general and erronecus im-

BED THROW OF SWISS MUSLIN.

the bed as much as is practicable in a chamber

which has constant use. It is a good idea to spread a clean sheet across the foot of the bed, after the spread is adjusted, and there the tendency to lay garments on the bed may be indulged in, and the spread still be kept fresh, for the sheet gets the most of the rab and a fresh one can be put on often.

For the guest rooms, the usual style of bed cover is a piece of the material of exact size of the top of the bed, with a full ruffle on both sides and the foot, reaching to within an inch of the floor. A few years ago French striped percale in white with flowers on it was generally used, but now the thinner materials seem to be the favorites. One of white open work embroidered muslin made up over light blue, with bolster to match is very dainty, and looks as well after several washings as when new. Of course the lining and outside are made separately. A more delicate one is made of point de'sprit with lace edge around the ruffle. separately. A more delicate one is made of point de'sprit with lace edge around the ruffle. This one is made long enough to throw up over the bolster, instead of going underneath it. Those most in use now are of plain white or dotted Swiss muslin. The dotted ones are usually made up quite plain, as the dots are decoration enough. Where the breadths come, on top of the bed, an insertion is used, run through with satin ribbon. The plain muslin are made up usually with the hem of the valance nemstitched, and sprays or vines of flowers appliqued on. These flowers are cut from cretonne of the best quality, and are basted on in the manner desired and then buttonholed. A particularly pretty one for a violet tonholed. A particularly pretry one for a violet room has large pansies applied in graceful wreaths, on both bed and boister. Other flowers used are roses and daisies. In the latter case, the daisies are usually embroidered in ribbon work,

as the flower is small and petals delicate.

One of our readers asks for information regarding care of the hair,—and while this is not strictly within the province of this department, it may be welcome to other readers as

To begin with, don't wash the hair too often. Twice a year is often enough for a soap and water shampoo, as water takes out the natural oil of the hair and brings on early grayness.

The tendency of dry hair is to grow coarse, and therefore a constant use of artificial oils is necessary after every washing. The thing to

pression that to rub the scalp is to massage it and so serious an error is this that if a perfect-ly healthy heavily thatched head is rubbed faithfully and persistently, all the hair will

drop out.

To massage rightly and effectively, place one finger with a firm but not severe pressure on any spot and with it push the loose scalp under it with a regular rotary motion. After a few seconds move the finger along to another point and repeat this process, but never permit the finger end to slide upon or rub the scalp's surface. It seems a tedious method for inducing hair to grow, but for all its slowness it is sure, as no other process is, whether by application of patent liquids or not.

ERMANY is following the example set by England and America, and employ-ing women in its government positions. They act as clerks and directors in small They act as clerks and directors in small post-offices, and more recently have been employed as assistants in railway and telephone offices. In Norway, women have been for some time employed as Government telegraph operators and as station agents. In this latter capacity they not only attend to the train dispatching and to waiting upon travelers, but they manage the baggage as well

HEN the Duke of Clarence, afterward William IV., went down to Portsmouth to inspect the British seventy-four, the guide allotted to him was a battered old lieutenant with one eye, who lacking "a friend" at court, had served years without promotion. As the veteran removed his hat to salute his royal visitor, the latter remarked his baldness, and said jestingly, "I see my friend, you have not spared your hair in your country's service." "Why, your Royal Highness," answered the old "salt", "so many young fellows have stepped over my head that it's a wonder that I have any hair left." A few days after the "old salt" was surprised to receive his appointment as captain.

Coffee and Cocoa.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



O a certain extent cof-fee was used as a medi-cine in earlier times, but its use as a beverage quickly followed its introduction, in every case, and in many cases its use was carried to excess.

The Syrian govern-ment passed laws to check its use, classing check its use, classing it as an intoxicating drink, but the action was probably taken because the use of coffee as a beverage led to festivities which were not in accord with Mahommedan discipline. The ministers waged fierce warfare against its use ministers waged heree warfare against its use in Turkey, because the coffee-houses were crowded, while the mosques were deserted. An attempt was made to have the mufti close the houses, but it about as successful as

attempting to close the saloons of today, and the next resort was to levy a heavy tax on the sale of the beverage.

sale of the beverage.

The Moslem religion prohibits the use of wines, or spirituous liquors of any kind, but its followers are the most inveterate coffee-drinkers of the whole world, and at one time the Turk who failed to provide coffee for his wife was held to have given good legal cause for a divorce.

History shows that coffee was used in Arabia Felix at a very early period, though it was unknown to Europeans until introduced by Ranwolfius, in 1573. About twenty years later, Alpinus gave the first scientific description of the

pinus gave the first scientific description of the nature and properties of the plant.

Some coffee berries, procured at Mocha, were carried to Batavia and planted. In 1690, Governor Wilson sent a specimen to Amsterdam, where it was successfully cultivated and plants supplied to a great part of Europe and the East Indies. In 1714, a plant was presented to Louis XIV. of France by the Magistrate of Amsterdam. This was planted at Marley, under the care of a famous gardener, who, later on, gave a plant to a young officer in the French navy, who carried it to Martinique, and this plant was the beginning of the extensive coffee plantations of the French West Indies, Mexico and South America.

The coffee plant is an evergreen tree, growing about twelve feet high, as a rule, though occa-

about twelve feet high, as a rule, though occasionally one will reach a height of twenty feet, and it is quite generally conceded that all coffee plants are of one specie, though changes of soil, climate and methods of culture produce seemingly different and distinct varieties.

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In some places the trees will mature and be at their best in three years, and often begin bearing when but two years old.

The work of securing the coffee crop is very great, for when the trees are in full bearing a man must work faithfully to pick three bushels of berries per day. A bushel of berries will yield about ten pounds of merchantable coffee, but it will take the product of five good trees, for more trees yield less than two pounds than over that amount.

over that amount.

One method of curing the berries for market One method of curing the berries for market is to spread them in layers five or six inches deep, and leave them exposed to the sun. The pulp which surrounds the berries will ferment in a couple of days, after which timethe berries are left for about three weeks, to get thoroughly dry before running them through a mill to separate the husks from the seeds. Another method is to put the berries through a mill made for the purpose, as soon as they are gathered. This mill crushes the pulp and washes it away. The berries are then dried for about two weeks, and then put through a mill as in the first method.

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as in the first method.

It is a universally admitted fact that cocoa is a healthier drink than coffee, and its use is becoming more common every year. The term cocoa is a perverted form of Cacao, the plant which produces it being the Thoebroma Cacao, which furnishes both the so-called cocoa, and the chocolate of commerce. Dinnaeus knew the plant, and valued it so highly that he gave it the name, which is derived from the two words, theos, meaning a god and, broma, a food, which being freely translated forms the name commonly used in his day—Food of the gods.

When Cortez invaded Mexico, in 1519, he found the natives using the product of the trees as both food and drink, and also using the seeds of the fruit as currency in all sorts of

brees as both food and drink, and also using the seeds of the fruit as currency in all sorts of business transactions.

The first known mention made of its use in England was in 1657, fully one hundred and thirty years after it was commonly used in Spain, while the first offered for sale in the

thirty years after to was considered to sale in the United States, so far as known, was advertised by Amos Trask, at Danvers, Mass., 1771.

In these earlier times, people bought the dry berries, as imported, and took them to local mills for grinding, as the farmers of to-day take their wheat and other grains.

The tree, which is a native of the West Indies and Central and South Americas, grows to be

and Central and South Americas, grows to be about sixteen feet in height and presents a very peculiar appearance, from the fact that the fruit pods, which are irregular in shape, and average a foot in length by six inches in circumference, grow directly off the old wood, and look like immense warts, on the trunk and

The fruit pods are smooth, with a fleshy rind

about half an inch in thickness. Enclosed in about half an inch in thickness. Enclosed in this rind is a white substance of butter-like consistency, which separates from the rind when ripe. There are two tests which will dewhen ripe. There are two tests which will decide whether fruit is ripe or not. The first is the color, which should be a rich yellowish red, and the other is the noise made by the seds, which will rattle loudly if the pod is

seeds, which will rattle loudly if the pod is shaken.

When the fruit is ripe, it is gathered and split open to remove the seeds, which will average seventy-five to the pod, and are as large as almonds. The seeds are sweated for two days, and then dried in the sun for two weeks before being packed for shipment.

To prepare for use, the seeds are roasted before grinding. When rather coarsely ground it is ordinary cocoa; if finely pulverized and part of the fat, or oil, removed, the resulting product is our breakfast cocoa.

When the seeds are so finely pulverized that the product is a plastic mass, from which no fat is removed, it is plain, or bitter, checolate, and this is mixed with sugar and flavors to make the sweet chocolate of commerce.

The fruit requires about four months for development, but like many tropical fruits, the tree will show blossoms, and fruit in all stags of development, at all seasons of the year, though the greatest crops seem to be ready for gathering in June and December.

UMINOUS paint is used on trains in Belgium to illuminate the carriages that are not supplied with lamps while they are passing through tunnels in the difference. The upper part of the interior of the car is covered, and emits enough light to make reading a possibility.

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A Raglan Expedient.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY RODNEY JAMES.

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ROKE, by Jupiter! Clean, dead ausgespeilt, and three hundred miles from home! Whew! what a lark!"

Tumbling from the Southern express upon the pavements of Washington, Jarleigh stood blear-eyed and wondering, drawing out the bottoms of his empty trouser pockets and staring at the newborn day that tipped the far dome of the national capitol with enchanted glow. But the beauties of the executive city had few charms for Jarleigh. He was desperately retrospective. Let me see; what happened? Oh, yes: he had been

commissioned by the managing editor of the "Park Row Buzzard" to hustle down to old Virginia and land a great "story" about the new discoveries that threw light upon obscure points in the diplomatic affairs of the late Rebellion. And he had landed too, with all the feet of a centipede, and telegraphed the facts on ahead while he remained to become a guest of the Kawn-poke Club of Richmond for dinner. Cæsar! but when those Southern Majahs and Kunnels get a New York newspaper man in their clutches, what with their luscious mint juleps-innocent to the taste yet dynamite in cumulative deadliness-their oysters a la Virginia, and the gods wot not else, escape alive is nothing short of a miracle. Yet Jarleigh had escaped, albeit with little else besides skin and bones, and had managed to get as far on toward home as Washington, with throbbing temples and a growing goneness underneath his long sweeping Raglan which reached quite to his ankles and gave him a false, if impressive rotundity. Well, there was no use standing there and staring into space until mistaken for a lunatic with the heaven-sent of "removing" the chief executive and so landed behind bars, so Jarleigh started out for a season of cogitation up Pennsylvania Ave-

But the longer Jarleigh walked the more desperate loomed up the predicament before him. Hunger and thirst increased his illusion of calamity and took away his courage, else on sheer bluff he would have bearded a telegraph office and wired on ahead for funds with which to reach home. And yet, what would the managing editor say to that? Jarleigh would never hear the last of it, for had he not been amply supplied at the head office before the start? Again, he might saunter into the Washington branch office of the "Buzzard," introduce himself and get relief, and yet by the morrow the facts would get back to the head office, and the laugh, which the Simon-pure newspaperman dreads worse than flaying, would be his certain due. At any rate, it might cheer him to know that his "beat" was in the morning "Buzzard' which had arrived in Washington at daybreak and walking boldly into a hotel, he asked the loan of a damp copy to search it. Yes, there it was-hurrah! right on the first page-leader of the day's revelations. Jarleigh felt himself have a ten-dollar pair sent to you, but I beg in the

growing taller and the sluggish blood quickened with a new intoxicant. He thanked the newsman, tipped his hat grandly and walked out with the air of a newly-arrived Congressman who had come to purge the national capital at one audacious onslaught. On the street corner he bought two mealy bananas with a postage stamp, the dago taking pity on him perforce, and after a cup of water at the nearby fount, Jarleigh pursued his way.

The way was long and tedious, and it was almost nightfall of that fateful day ere Jarleigh realized that his problem was yet unsolved. Wandering broke in a strange city is hard enough by day, but with the coming of darkness terrors increase and miseries are intensified. Jarleigh was in the vicinity of the Treasury Building when faintness from hunger and weariness came over him, driving him to desperate expedients. He crossed the wide avenue and plunged into a narrower street, passing a great plate glass window which reflected his full figure. Like most men in whom a tinge of vanity remains through every vicissitude. Jarleigh slowed his pace and contemplated himself critically in the reflection; then an inspiration struck him. There were just three things visible to Jarleigh, besides face and hands, and these were top hat, a little battered and dusty, the long Raglan and his shoes. Victory! He would act at once.

How he did it or where, let no man question. There are dark hallways and obscure nooks in many Washington alleys, and with semi-darkness as a shield, it is possible to divest one's self of one's pantaloons, button up the Ragian, and with the trousers hung gaily over the left arm, saunter out in search of a fond relation euphoneously known as your father's brother. The particular Uncle that Jarleigh found hesitated about taking the risk at all, but finally allowed two dollars, which was a mountain of money to the pawnee at that frightful pass. Jarleigh took oysters and toast standing up at a nearby counter, perforce, and then returned to the swagger hotel where he had read his article in the "Buzzard" that morning, calling for a room and paying for it on the spot with his last cent. Retiring early, the weary stranger was soon in soundest slumber.

It was about six o'clock when a violent ring of the bell called a servant to Jarleigh's room. The door was unlocked and beyond, the window leading to the fire-escape was seen to be half raised and a shred of suspender hung over

"Where is the proprietor? Call the proprietor!" roared Jarleigh. "Quick, quick!"

"Dat's a lunatic foh suah!" gasped the darkey, standing for a moment in staring amazement at the man seated in bed, gesticulating wildly, hair on end and eves blazing, and off the menial started in search of the proprietor.

A portly gentleman soon appeared in the doorway. He found his guest mumbling distractedly.

"Are you the proprietor?"

"I am, sir."

"Well, for heaven's sake what sort of a hotel do you keep here anyhow? Am I in a hostelry for gentleman or is this a den of thieves? Tell me that, sir! I demand to know-I demand it, sir!"

The proprietor closed the door behind him. Not so loud, I beg of you," he pleaded paling. 'What is the matter, sir? I sincerely hope nothing has happened-

"Nothing happened? Do you mean to say that it is nothing to go to bed like a peaceful God-fearing citizen after having paid for your room in advance, and to wake up in the morning to find yourself trouserless, sir-pantaloonless and all your money, including watch and chain, keys and valuable memoranda gone, sir -vanished, flickered, 'lifted' in the silent hours of the night? Again I say, sir, what sort of a hotel 1. this you keep anyway?-

"Sh-h-h! I entreat you," interposed the gasping proprietor, his eyes bulging, his rotund torso waddling over toward the window and picking up the telltale shred of suspender. "I declare, sir, such a thing as this has never happened in my house before. I am desperately sorry-"

"Sorry be confounded! My name is Jarleigh, of the 'New York Buzzard,' sir, as you can discover by telegraphing on to Park Row and asking for information. I have seven congressmen and four senators to interview before four o'clock this afternoon, and I will cut a pretty figure skiting through the lobby of the capitol with my shins clothed in your 'desperate sorrow.' Drat your sorrow, sir; think of

"Not so loud, I beg of you," pleaded the proprietor. "People all about you are still asleep-"

"What do I care? All they will have to do is to read the 'New York Buzzard' tomorrow morning and they will know all about it-"

"Oh, I sincerely trust that you will not feel called upon to go to any such extremes, for really, my dear sir, this would ruin me, ruin me. Don't think of such a thing. This can all be arranged amicably, I assure you. It is most unfortunate, but I assure you that you shall not be the loser. Come down to breakfast with me-"

"What! Without my-"

"Oh, I shall send instantly to the tailor's and

meantime, make no more fuss, for the reputation of my house is second to none in all Washington, sir, and the very mention of thievesbless me sir! it is positively unspeakable." He approached the bedside, his eyes appealing. 'You will be reasonable, will you not?" He extended his hand, which Jarleigh took reluctantly, still grinding his teeth and snorting in his effort to calm down.

"I'll try," he murmured at last. "Hurry up with that tailor though. This is my busy day." The proprietor bowed obsequiously, then left to summon the man of the goose and vardstick. Twenty minutes later Jarleigh was seated at the proprietor's table in the big diningroom below, a big bouquet of rare flowers between him and that functionary, strawberries and cream and hothouse grapes on either hand, with fragrant Mocha borne in on silver. The proprietor was still conciliatory, in deadly terror of that article in the "New York Buzzard."

"Suppose we call it a round hundred dollars, Mr. Jarleigh, and never mind the trousers. Really the episode was most unfortunate, but you certainly do not wish me to lose too heavi-The guest elevated his chin like majesty granting a culprit temporary reprieve. He appeared to be almost appeased. "Is it agreed then? I will bring you the cash immediately sir, but I must exact of you a written pledge that you will not allow a word of this to appear in print. Certainly you will grant me this courtesy."

"Um-well, I suppose under the circumstances, seeing that you are desirous of settling matters so amicably-"

"Certainly, sir. William, bring Mr. Jarleigh a better cigar than that—one of those Habana Perfectos that Senator Billyuns swears by. Excuse me, I will bring you the cash and the document for you to sign." And the proprietor sped away.

Jarleigh was blowing smoke rings into the air and contemplating his audacious shape in the far mirror when in came the darkey who first encountered him in bed that morning. He glanced furtively about for an instant, then sidled up toward the table. "Excuse me Mistah Jarleigh," he said with a hideous smile, rubbing his hands together and rolling his ivory eyes set in ebony, "I have somethin' to ax y'."

"Well?" grunted Jarleigh, resenting the intrusion.

"Ah've somefing to sell y'."

"Don't want to buy anything. Go away please."

"Yaas y' do, Mistah Jarleigh, yaas y' do. It's bettah for you to buy it from me den dat I should gib it to Mistah Jones, the proprietah, Ah's suah of dat."

The guest scowled up at his tormentor. 'What have you got so valuable, eh?"

"It's a pawn-ticket for a paih ob trousahs, Mistah Jarleigh."

The guest felt something turn upside down inside of him. He turned his haggard eyes toward the door and saw far beyond the advancing figure with a bunch of bankbills in one hand, a document in the other, drying the latter with a sweeping motion. "Well how much do you want for it?" he choked trying to remain composed.

"Dunno, Mistah Jarleigh," said the other. "Guess it ought to be worth fifty dollahs, don't you think so?" There was a malicious gleam in his torturous eyes., The guest clenched his fists under the damask. He could have strangled the man where he stood, but alas, here came Jones, the proprietor. There was a moment's hesitancy during which hideous interval Jarleigh saw the vision of his game disclosed, himself landed behind bars and an article in the morning's papers not the least of the order which he had threatened. "Meet me outside the north door in twenty minutes, sharp," he cried out hoarsely. "Now get out o' here quick or I'll brain you!"

Negotiations were quickly consummated, and the parting came in the best of grace. As Jarleigh stepped from the north door, wondering how to manage the most difficult proposition yet presented to him, he ran headlong into a taller and broader man than himself and rebounded like a rubber manikin. Their eyes met and the other grabbed him. "Jarleigh, by Jove!" he said.

"Peters, as I live!" exclaimed the other. "Just the man of all men I want to see. No, don't move. I'm in a predicament. In the first place, Peters, old boy, let me have twenty dollars to take the next train back to New York." The money came forth without hesitation. "Now listen!" And he poured forth his miseries. In the midst of it the darkey was seen on the sidewalk scanning the street anxiously. "There he is now, Peters. Scare him with your fire-badge, blackmail and all that sort of thing. Hurry or you'll lose him and

The brother reporter sauntered forth from ambush and approached the negro. "Looking for Mr. Jarleigh, eh?"

"Dat I was, sah."

I'll lose the train."

"Well, he is about to take the train for New York. I want to see you at the station house. I believe the specific charge is blackmail, and the penalty is three years in the penitentiary."

The porter turned a leaden hue and his chin dropped as he caught the flash of the firebadge.

"'Fore de Lawd, sir---"

"Never mind. Where is that pawn-ticket quick!" A trembling hand produced it. Peters seized it and grew thoughtful. "Look here," he said. "I don't think you mean to turn criminal. Suppose I let this thing drop. Will you keep your mouth shut about it?"

"'Fore de Lawd, dat I will, make no mistake!"

"See that you do or there'll be trouble."

Peters turned and caught a glimpse of his comrade's Raglan flying across the square in the direction of the station where the train was already starting. He waved toward him the vellow slip with an assuring sign, then gave the darkey a cigar and allayed his terrors. 'Remember, not a word!" he admonished and sauntered away. Later in the day he framed that pawn-ticket and hung it on the walls of the branch office of the "New York Buzzard," where it hangs to this day to tempt Peters, now manager of the branch, to retail again and again the story of Jarleigh's predicament. It is only fair to the latter gentleman to state that on the following day the proprietor of the Washington hotel received a letter containing a hundred dollar bill and the price of a pair of trousers, together with a curt note shrouded in anonymity, which read, "This is conscience money. Take it, be grateful and ask no questions." And so far as known no questions were ever asked.

My Astral Body.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ERSKINE M. HAMILTON.

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AM a lawyer with an office in the city of New York, and if I gave my real name it would create a decided sensation. Therefore, I will appear as plain "David Morris" in this parrative.

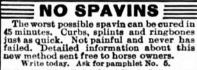
In the summer of 1897 I was on my way home from the Hot Springs of Arkansas, where I had gone to secure rest and health. The wear and tear of a

large legal practice, and especially a case of international importance before the Supreme Court at Washington, had told on me fearfully and I was on the verge of nervous prostration. My trip to the Springs had not helped me much and I was far from well. In the car in which I was riding I noticed, not far from me, a tall, keen-eyed gentleman of about sixty years, who seemed to be scrutinizing me very

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closely. I remember he came on at Philadelphia, but why he took such interest in me I knew not. Presently he came over and stood before me. His brilliant black eyes gave me a weird feeling as he looked at me for a moment. Then he said:

"You are ill, and your visit to the Springs has only benefited you temporarily. If you wish health-aye, if you wish to retain life-call and see me when you get back to New York."

He gave me a card and returned to his seat, and from that time on paid no further attention to me. I looked at the card-"John Jarvis, M. D. 37 - Street, New York."

"Probably some quack who has noticed my illness, and is in search of business," I murmured. "But how did he know of my visit to the Hot Springs?"

I wondered at this as I placed the card in my pocket, but forgot the matter presently. After I reached New York I vibrated between home and office for several weeks as my health would permit, but my condition did not improve, and I was gradually losing strength. Medical skill did not seem to reach my case, and I grew gloomy and despondent. One morning I came across the card of Dr. Jarvis.

"Well," I remarked to my wife, somewhat bitterly, "as I have tried the best physicians in the city without benefit, it will do no harm to try him. He can but kill me."

That afternoon I called at No. 37 -It was a retired place, and the office was in the second-story front of a tall, brick building. Dr. Jarvis was alone as I entered, and greeted me with that strange penetrating gaze I had noticed on the train.

"I knew you would come," he said quietly. "In my judgment you would not have lived had you not. If you will place yourself under my treatment you will surely recover and be in better physical condition than you have been for years.'

"That is certainly a flattering prospect," I remarked, with a tinge of incredulity.

"But," continued the doctor, apparently not noticing my lack of faith, "I will treat you on one condition. You must obey my instructions implicitly and without question. I will be candid with you, Mr. Morris. My treatment is out of the ordinary. I am a native of India. My mother was a descendant of an ancient priestly order, whose wondrous knowledge of the occult and the deep mysteries of the universe have been handed down from generation to generation, for thousands of years. Modern science, in the startling discoveries of the present day, think these things are new. But they are not. For centuries they have been known and used in secret by my ancestors, in the temples of India. Bah! Modern science knows nothing as yet! But it is on the eve of the miraculous. Miracles are but the combination of nature's forces in accordance with law, and back in those old temples of India miracles were surely performed. Yes, Mr. Morris, they were miracles, and would be so pronounced had they been done in public. That priestly order knew secrets of the material and spiritual world of which modern thought has no conception."

As he spoke Dr. Jarvis' eyes kindled with enthusiasm, and his tall frame trembled with a strange excitement. Indeed, although I am not inclined to be superstitious, I was somewhat afraid of him. He noticed it.

"You need have no fear, Mr. Morris. I shall not harm you. That strange knowledge of my ancestors I now possess, and when I saw you on the train I knew what your trouble was and where you had been to relieve it. And, allow me to say that under ordinary medical care you cannot recover. You will be a dead man within a year unless I help you. With this statement will you consent to my treatment?"

"I will," I answered promptly. In some way, I knew not how, I felt he was speaking the

"Very well. Now, Mr. Morris, you have an intimate friend, one John Varney, a wealthy real estate dealer. Mr. Varney is not in good health, and is one of my patients. He has complied with my conditions, but it is necessary I should have your co-operation-that is, that I should treat you both at the same time.

He moved to an inner room and I followed. It was an ordinary apartment, handsomely furnished, but contained no wonderful appliances such as I expected to find. I was surprised at this, as I supposed the room fitted up in oriental style, and amply supplied with mysterious apparatus. And then, too, where was my friend, Varney? We were to be treated together, I had been told and I looked to see him in the inner room.

"Why, where is Mr. Varney?" I enquired.

"He has been here and the treatment he received will take effect at the same time with your own."

The doctor bade me be seated in a large re-

clining chair.

"It is due you, Mr. Morris, that I should explain one thing more," he continued. "A human being is made up of three existences. First is the natural body of flesh and blood, and inside of that is what we term an astral body-which is exactly like the material one in looks, only it is immaterial and indestructible. And within the astral body is the spirit or soul. Now by the knowledge I possess I shall trans-

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"But," I interrupted, "what good will it do me to get into Jack Varney's body?"

"The result will be this: You are accustomed to your own physical body and its peculiar disease. It is the same with Mr. Varney. Now the change of bodies, for a time, will bring a new mind in control of each, and the psychological influence will be so entirely different that no disease can remain. Each physical body will yield to this new mind controllment, and health will be completely restored. This treatment I shall maintain for a week precisely, and at the end of that time you will each resume your former condition. And let me say once more, your life depends on the experiment. Do you still consent?"

"If Jack Varney can stand it, I can," I answered, desperately. "Go on with your astral-

body treatment."

Without a word Dr. Jarvis unlocked a small safe which stood near, and from it produced a curious, triangular-shaped box. Opening this saw it contained a number of minute vials. A strange, far-away expression came to the doctor's eyes as he looked at them, and for fully five minutes he stood silent, apparently oblivious of my presence. Then carefully selecting one of the vials, he allowed a drop to fall into a glass partially filled with water. This he bade me drink. I cannot describe the sensation it gave me. It seemed to me my whole being was torn asunder. I knew I was dying, but I could not speak. Then I floated out on the great sea of eternity and became uncon-

It was with a confused feeling that I opened my eyes again. I was in a handsomely furnished office, seated at a table with a pen in my hand. What had happened and where was I? The place had a familiar look, and as my mind became clearer I recognized it. I was in the office of John Varney, and alone. I looked at the mirror over the mantel opposite, and the sight nearly paralyzed me. The reflection was not my own, but Varney's. I understood it all in an instant. The large, handsome figure in the office chair was that of my friend, but I inhabited it, and as for Varney-Well, if his portly astral body was squeezed into my small, presently, and sat down in front of me. When some property Jack had for sale. While strollspare form, he must be extremely uncomforta- he saw me he enquired how his foreclosure case ing about I saw a large man, not far from me, ble. I laughed long and loud as I thought of was progressing in court. In my ill-humor I and the sight of him alarmed me, especially as it. I looked at the pen in my hand and at the half-written letter on the table. Jack must have been writing when overtaken by the change, and I began to read:

"MY DEAR MISS WOOD.

I received your note this morning, and I am glad you enjoy the flowers I sent you. I was sure their beauty and fragrance would please you. By the way, there is to be a charming little opera at one of the theaters tomorrow evening, and if you—"

That ended the letter. Jack Varney was gone and I was in his place. My friend was a bachelor, but I knew he was quite attentive to a certain aristocratic young lady-a Miss Elsie Wood-but how far the matter had progressed I knew not. What should I do about it? I was Jack Varney to all intents and purposes for a week, and I must act out my part. A spirit of mischief seized me and I finished the letter, and to my surprise the handwriting was

"are willing, I will call for you. After the show we will indulge in the usual ice-cream and fervent osculation on the way home. With a thousand kisses, I am Your loving JACK.

I had just placed the missive in an envelope,

fer your astral body to the physical body of when the mail-carrier came and took it away. Then I started to get up from the chair.

"Great Scott, and Holy Moses!" I exclaimed, as a sharp twinge of pain seized me in the left leg, causing me to sit down again. "Why that's rheumatism, and I never had it before in

I recollected then that rheumatism was Jack's particular "thorn in the flesh," and I wondered how he was getting along with my peculiar ailments. For nearly an hour I waited, when sight during that period. Then we separated. suddenly the door burst open, and Jack came tearing in-that is, my body with Jack in it. He was evidently irritated, and also excited.

"Hello, Morris, you are here? Well, if I haven't had a time. Your confounded carcass was so full of nervousness that I could hardly keep still after leaving the doctor's office. If I had known how bad off you were I wouldn't have traded-even for a week. By the way," glancing at the table, "where is that letter?"

"I finished it for you, and sent it to Miss Wood."

"The thunder you did! What did you write?"

have a kissing-match on the way home, and I would treat her to ice-cream."

For a moment Jack was speechless.

"Great Heavens!" he groaned. "Look here, Morris, if I had my body for two minutes I'd break every bone you've got. Why, Miss Wood is one of the most cultured, sensitive ladies in New York, and proud as Lucifer. Kissing and ice-cream, indeed! You couldn't touch her with a ten-foot pole. What will she think?"

"Oh, I will make it all right when I see her." I replied, soothingly. "I have had lots of experience."

"I am afraid your experience won't amount to much in this case," said Jack, somewhat mollified, and beginning to laugh. "However, you will have to get me out of the scrape. And, come to think, I may have got you into

one on my way here." "In what way?"

"In this: Your body, in its present condition, is so nervous and fidgety that it made me cross the moment I got into it. I came here on the street-car, and all the way I was almost irresponsible. An old gentleman came on, gone to a lonely part of the city to look at forgot myself, and told him I had no recollection of him, and never heard he had a case in court. This seemed to nettle him, and he remarked, sarcastically, that he had paid me a retainer of five hundred dollars, and perhaps I could not remember that? By this time I was wild with pain, and I told him to go to Hades; that I never saw him before, and he never paid me a cent in his life. He said no more after that, but got off the car in high dudgeon."

"You certainly have made mischief," I answered, shocked at the statement. "Why, that man is the millionaire, General Van Dyke, and his practice, alone, is worth three thousand dollars a year to me. I suppose, now, he will employ another lawyer."

"Well," pursued Jack, sinking back in a chair with a regretful sigh, "I am sorry for what has happened. We are both in for trouble for a week, that's sure. We may, or may not, recover our health, but I am afraid we will lose reputation and fortune in the meanwhile. I wish we hadn't made the exchange, but we can't help it now."

"No; but we must arrange to avoid trouble

"I will take charge of your office, and you of mine, and we will confer often, and whenever it is necessary. Of course there will be awkward situations for each of us, but that cannot be prevented."

Jack agreed to this, and for nearly an hour we discussed plans of procedure. I had him write a letter to my wife, saying important business had called me out of town for a week, and also insisted he should keep out of her

I managed the real-estate business the following day without any serious mishap, while Jack informed me by telephone that he was doing splendidly as a lawyer. He said he had given my clients common-sense advice-something they were not used to-and had taken in a goodly amount of fees. In the evening, arrayed in Jack's best clothes, I called for Miss Wood. I was not acquainted with her, but had learned where she lived. In response to my ring a servant ushered me into a parlor, and presently a tall, dignified, young lady came in.

"I received your note, Mr. Varney," she said haughtily, "and, to say the least, I was surpris-"I said I would call for her, and we would ed at its contents. At what time, sir, have I given encouragement for such familiarity?"

"Why-I beg pardon, Miss Wood," I stammered, "but I never saw you before-that is-

"Never saw me before?"

"No-I don't mean that. That is-please hear me, Miss Wood. I mean"-

"You need not explain, Mr. Varney. You are not in a condition to know what you mean. I can enlighten you, however. You were intoxicated when you wrote that note, and you are intoxicated now. Oblige me by leaving the house, sir."

There was nothing to do but to obey, and this I did immediately. But before the door closed I saw the proud head buried in a handkerchief, and knew she was sobbing violently. Greatly disturbed, I at once hunted up Jack, and told him the whole story. Naturally he took it to heart, and blamed me somewhat, but after we had spent the evening at the club he felt better, and forgave me.

I had an experience the next day that, I must say, afforded me unalloyed pleasure. I had a rough bru fellow, for whom I had done some legal business, but he had refused to pay me, and had threatened me, also, with bodily injury. How should I escape him? I was in a tremor of fear, when a sudden thought came to me. I recollected it was Jack Varney's powerful body I was in, and I knew Jack was an expert boxer. My terror fled at once, and a savage joy seized me. I strode forward, laid my hand on the fellow's shoulder, and whirled him around.

"Your name is McGraw?" I asked.

"It is," he answered, sullenly.

"Well, then, Mr. McGraw, you refused to pay your lawyer, Mr. Morris, fifty dollars you honestly owed him, and also abused him shamefully, knowing he was a small, weak man. You are a cowardly cur, McGraw. Now I am a friend of Mr. Morris', and I want you to pay me that fifty dollars here and now, or take a whipping."

The man was evidently frightened, but he began to bluster, and made a motion to strike me. Instantly my right arm shot out from the shoulder, and Mr. McGraw stretched his length on and misunderstanding in the future," I said. the ground. As he arose I knocked him down again. This time I stood over him, and threatened him with dire vengeance if he did not yield. Thoroughly cowed he began to whimp-

er.

"I've got the money, an' I'll pay ye, if ye'll let me up. But if I ever come across that Morris"—

Morris"—
"Now listen, McGraw," I interrupted, as I placed the money in my pocket, "if you ever speak to, or meddle with Mr. Morris again, I will hunt you up and pound you to a jelly. Will you promise?"
"That I will. I'll keep clear of ye both after this," answered the subdued McGraw, as he hastened away.

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Fortunately no one saw us, so I avoided unpleasant explanation. This adventure gave me a new idea, and, I regret to say, made me very pugnacious. A little power is a bad thing with some men, and it was with me. During the week I looked up several of my enemies, and left them with blackened eyes and other marks of my disapproval. I was fined once for assault, but paid it cheerfully. Indeed, I was almost willing to keep my astral body where it was, but Jack would not consent, even if it could be done; he also expressed a fear that I was bringing his character into disrepute. One thing we noticed, however, as the days passed. We both were rapidly recovering our health. The rheumatism had left me, and Jack said he was entirely free from the nervous trouble.

One morning, as I was seated in Jack's office, the door suddenly opened, and my wife came in. I was so delighted to see her that I sprang forward, and kissed her before I thought.

"Why Mr. Varney," she exclaimed indignantly. "Such conduct is outrageous."

"It is, indeed, Mrs. Morris," I answered, recovering myself, "but in the dim light I thought you were my sister. I earnestly beg your pardon for the mistake."

"Oh, that was it. Well, mistakes will happen. I have called, Mr. Varney, to ask whether you have seen my husband lately?"

"I see him almost every day," I replied, but instantly regretted the remark.

My wife seemed very much disturbed.

"That confirms my suspicions," she said sorrowfully. "I received a note from him a few days ago, saying he would be out of the city for a week, and since then I have been told by several of his friends that they had met him, and he had acted strangely, and did not seem to know them. I went to his office, and was informed by his clerks he had been there every day, but his conduct was unusual, and he was not himself. And yesterday I saw him, as he was getting on a street-car. I spoke to him, but he answered gruffly th

"But why did he not come home? and why should he forget his former friends and clients?"

I could not explain this, and after a few re-I could not explain this, and after a few remarks my wife went sadly away, leaving me in a gloomy frame of mind. The affair was becoming too serious. Jack and I might have restored health but lose character and friends as a result. Where would it end? The question was answered two days later by an unexpected climax. A boy came in hurriedly with

"Dear Morris:

Come over to Judge Graff's rooms.

Thunder is to pay. Your wife has me up for being insane. Don't stop for anything, but for heaven's sake come at once.

Jack."

For a moment I was dumbfounded. I saw it For a moment I was dumbfounded. I saw it all at a glance. Jack was not well acquainted with my wife, and probably had met her several times without knowing who she was. And then, too, being ignorant of my business, and not knowing many of my clients and friends, he had, apparently, acted strangely at times. No wonder they thought him insane. It might come my turn next, and both of us be placed in the insane asylum. I groaned as I thought of it.

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I lost no time in going to Judge Graff's court. My wife was there, and also a number of my clients, as witnesses. Dr. Sprague, my family physician, had been called in as an expert. In the midst of the group was Jack, very angry and excited, who was telling his incredulous listeners a wonderful story about astrabodies, and claiming that he was Jack Varney. Of course no one believed him. He saw me as I came in. I came in.
"Come here, Morris," he shouted, "and tell

"Come here, Morris," he shouted, "and tell these confounded idiots the straight of this business. I just told them we traded astral bodies, and that's all there is to it. But this learned donkey, Dr. Sprague, doesn't know an astral-body from a side of sole-leather. He says he never saw one."

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I at once sought my wife and Dr. Sprague, and in a private interview related my wonderful experience. My wife was convinced, but the doctor would not believe a word of it. Finally, I invited him to go with me to Dr. Jarvis the next day, which he did, and the two medical gentlemen had a long discussion. Indeed, Dr. Sprague was so impressed that he declared he was going to try the astral-body treatment for his own ailments.

But why prolong this story? In due time Jack and I resumed our normal condition, and occupied our individual bodies again. The medical journals got hold of the matter in some way, and, without mentioning our names, gave Dr. Jarvis such a puff that he was the talk of the city. Thousands of the best people in New York visited him, and went about, afterward with other peoples against bodies and no ward, with other people's astral bodies, and no end of confusion resulted. But one treatment was enough for us. We had splendid health, and soon regained our reputation. A few months later I received the following:

Dear Morris:

"Dear Morris:

Miss Wood and I are to be married
next Thursday morning at Grace Church. So get
your astral body and material body together, and
come. Bring your wife with you.

Yours, as ever.

McKeough.

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The "Coomin' Back" of Kathleen



URING the closing months of the year of Grace 1900, Blankton had been treated to a genuine ghost seen by hundreds of her most reliable citizens, -Blankton the far famed Queen Cityher crest surmounted by magnificent buildings, her feet laved in the broad lake, the bright water way between the busy city

and the blue mountains beyond,—Blankton, a center of culture and enlightenment.

A few years ago some wealthy manufacturers in Massachusetts, attracted by Dr. Hale's tribute to Blankton as a model city, built an immense cotton mill a mile or two below the city on a broad plain having on every side fine views of city, lake and mountain. The good wages and pleasant surroundings have made its future in every way a success, attracting an abundance of help of the better class.

About three years ago a slip of a girl fresh from the Green Isle, with that marvelous complexion that seems the birthright of some of plexion that seems the birthright of some of Erin's poorest daughters, intercepted the Superintendent one morning with "Ef ye plaze sur, axin yer parding, but its wurrk I must be havin'; ye'll giv it to me shure?" and looking into the girl's liquid blue eyes, noting the tangled mass of blue-black hair half covered by a gay plaid shawl, the Superintendent, contrary to all precedents, yielded to the entreaties of the pleading voice and then and there hired Kathleen McKeough, whose aptness and industry made her progress so rapid that in a few weeks she was running a set of looms, and the Superintendent began to feel justified in following an impulse.

Then came an unasked-for vacation, and just Then came an unasked-for vacation, and just as she was given up for lost Kathleen returned haggard and beautiful, and penitent for having gone off on a spree. "Och! wisha, wisha, that me mither's bairn should gang wi the evil spirits" was her lament, so the Superintendent sent a note to the overseer and Kathleen was given her looms again.

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Her humble manner disarmed her fellow-workers' criticisms and her remarkable skill as a weaver inspired a species of awe. No loom ever ran at such a high rate of speed as hers. The shuttles flew like things bewitched, yet there was never a flaw in the web. Often and often during her three years' stay the overseer, attracted by the peculiar sibilant sound of Kathleen's looms would go to check the terrible velocity, but watching the lithe, swaying figure and the flying shuttles there seemed to be some subtle power in the girl that kept the complicated machine in abeyance, that kept every part true when every other loom in the mill would be heated run at half that speed, so the reproof was always unspoken.

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In a few weeks Kathleen's looms were unaccountably idle a few days, then she came back with the old story of the pixies call, and—well with mutual apologies the Superintendent and overseer gave the girl another trial. Their respective wives took great interest in the shapely, gentle, docile creature who was most tractable in their reformatory hands. A few weeks later came a day of such terrific speed to her looms the women were afraid to work near her, and an hour before closing the timekeeper heard a stealthy, catlike sound and his quick raised eyes met the gaze of a hunted wild animal. When he collected his shattered senses he was all alone, just outside he saw Kathleen flymal. When he collected his shattered senses he was all alone, just outside he saw Kathleen flying down the walk. Then her looms were idle a few days when she came back with the old story—and the old result. Before many months the Superintendent and overseer ceased apologizing to each other for their lax discipline, and their wives and the good women of St. Paul's were unremitting in their endeavors to help her, but no permanent reform rewarded

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"I'd like to be Queen Mary for about two hours," interrupted Jack, "I would supply all the martyrs out of this crowd, and pay for the kindling-wood of the auto da fe, beside."

I did my utmost to convince the judge of the real facts of the case, and requested the matter be postponed until the following day, when the week would be out. But the judge only smiled indulgently. He evidently thought I was talking for my friend's benefit, and did not believe my own statements. And so, in spite of my protestation, my body with poor Jack in it, was pronounced insane, and hurried off to the asylum.

I at once sought my wife and Dr. Sprague.

"How many times have you told me that in the past three years?" asked the Superintend-

ent. "Twinty if wanst. But I mane it now." Ab-h-h ye must thry me wanst more. I haven't a dollar, me landlady won't kape me afther the mornin!"

"Here's some money my wife will lend you; pay your board and go to her or to the Adams mission." "Niver," was the firm reply "giv me the

"Niver," was the firm reply "giv me the whirlin' spindles, me spirits hungry furthim." Then the Superintendent showed her a paper signed by every woman on the pay roll declaring they would leave if Kathleen was taken back again. The wan face grew more haggard as she heard the paper read, but at last with rallying courage she asked for night work—that was equally impossible for only men were employed.

employed.

Finally, realizing the mill was closed against her forever, in a fury of rage she broke out in a torrent of wild North-Ireland speech. Again the Superintendent besought her to go to his

wife or the Mission but the defiant answer was "Giv me looms or its to Baththery street I'll be

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"Don't go to Battery street Kathleen," cried the Superintendent and this time she heard the angel in the man and paused irresolutely with her hand on the door and a look in her eyes the Superintendent will never forget; she said impressively: "It's comin' back to me looms at sivin tonight I am an' niver will I miss me job this year this day"—and the door closed. West of the mill are the railway tracks. The Central Vermont Vestibuled "Flyer" from Montreal to New York pulls out of Blankton at 6.15 p.m. and before the mill is reached has begun the famous fifteen miles in thirteen minutes. The Superintendent of the cotton mill is one of those methodical souls who works till the task is completed, and this hush spring evening at 6.52 was turning the key in his desk when Kathleen's voice shrieked. "Oh! Holy Mary save me," and her agonized face appeared before him an instant and faded with groans, clanging bells and shrieking whistle from the locomotive, then sudden silence, and he rushed out in the dusk to where the engine stood, a great palpitating monster with extinguished lights. The engineer turned lence, and he rushed out in the dusk to where the engine stood, a great palpitating monster with extinguished lights. The engineer turned on the lights and together they beheld on the cowcatcher a form mangled beyond recognition, just below the headlight; wrapped in masses of the blackest hair was a scarless head, and Kathleen's wonderful eyes looked into theirs with speechless appeal.

Strong arms carried the lifeless body to the mill, toward which the erring feet had turned through the springtime mud. Generous purses provided for the burial from the Cathedral, on whose altar lay the sacred links from the chains that once fettered St. Peter, tapers were lighted, flowers scattered and masses chanted just as the Romish heart of Kathleen McKeough would best have liked.

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The night of the burial the "Flyer" struck an obstruction on the tracks opposite the cotton mills at 6:52, and the bell clanged, the whistle shrieked and lights went out as Kathleen's face appeared and her voice was heard by both engineer and fireman. Re-lighting and hastily dismounting they found absolutely nothing on the track or engine, and looking sheepishly at each other said nothing.

At seven o'clock that night while on his rounds, the night watchman heard a set of looms running in No. 3, but supposing the repairer was testing them did not look in. Hearing the looms each half hour as he passed, at nine unlocked the door and beheld Kathleen McKeough running her looms with the oldtime celerity. Scarcely believing his senses he called two other watchmen who at once recognized her. Next day they went to the parish priest, who assured them she was laid in consecrated ground facing the coming Archangel.

Assured that all was well with her unquiet soul they were unprepared to find her at work again that night. But there she was, and there she has been steadily at work each night for many months, taking only fifteen minutes rest for lunch as she used to do in life. All the old watchmen and many new watchmen have seen and heard her at work all the long night till five in the morning, when she takes out her web, folds and carries it with her the forbidden way across the tracks in the gray light of dawn, vanishing in light.

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most incredulous scoff no more after going to the weaving room—and no longer explain the phenomenon.

All summer long the down "Flyer" was jolted, juggled, shrieked and stopped with lights out, at the place where Kathleen was killed, and always her voice is heard and her face is seen by the engineer, who is unable to put on steam enough to run past the fatal spot. Extra track walkers and new engineers were powerless to prevent the occurrence. At last in sheer desperation the time table was revised and the time of leaving changed one hour. First the track walkers, then the curious who took the trouble to go there, saw and heard another train pass at 6:52. Saw and heard Kathleen's screams, the locomotive with extinguished lights, all as really happened that fatal ed lights, all as really happened that fatal

night.
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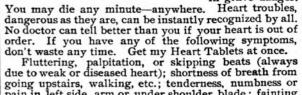
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ERO was his name though it was a misnomer, for he was by no means cruel by nature.

If there was anyone whom Nero disliked. after a certain tragic happening in his life, it was a tramp, for he was wont to growl and show his teeth at sight of one of these itinerant vagabonds.

This was to be wondered at as he had first been seen in the village of S-as the canine comrade of a band of tramps; but whether

willingly in their company, or by force of circumstances beyond his control, the human contingent vouchsafed no information to the curiously inclined.

Continuing on their way with Nero in their midst, a noble brute among ignoble men, the tramps passed a handsome house two miles from the village of S-, situated upon the river bank and dangerously near a fall, over which the stream tumbled with deafening roar.

Suddenly the tramps halted in dismay as they beheld a tiny row-boat floating down the stream and containing two occupants, a little boy of nine and a girl of seven years.

They had lost an oar and with the one remaining could not get back to the shore and it was drifting toward the falls, its speed increas-ing as it approached the foaming, roaring wa-

The tramps stood motionless, either in awe at the danger the children were in or indifferent to their fate. Perhaps their antipathy to water prevented an attempt at rescue, be their reward what it might.

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It was true that a suggestion was made that some one plunge into the river and catch the floating boat, swiftly gliding to destruction; but the very idea of getting wet was received with a shudden

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But one of the fraternity was an exception—the great Newfoundland dog the tramps had called Nero. He saw the danger the children were in and at once plunged to the rescue.

In vain did the tramps shout to him to return, for boldly he kept on, reached the boat, seized the rope hanging over the bow and turned toward the shore.

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Could he save the children, or would he go over the falls with them? For a moment it seemed that he would fail in

his noble effort, but then it was seen that the boat gained headway toward the shore and just in time, for had it gone further down the stream the attempt at rescue would have been in vain.

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It was a desperate struggle as it was; but aid came in the person of a horseman who dashed into the stream, seized the boat and dragged it ashore, where, before he could clasp his rescued children in his arms, they had sprung out and were both hugging their dog rescuer as though he had been a human being.

"Whose splendid dog is this?" asked the gentleman as he bent over the panting animal.

"He is our dog, Mister, and we told him to do it—he's our Mascot," said one of the tramps, while the others nodded an acquiescence.

"I should have thought that one of you at least would have attempted what he accomplished; but I will not quarrel with you, as your dog saved my children from certain death, and I will pay you your price for him."

"That dog haint fer sale at no price, for he's our Mascot."

"I will give you a hundred dollars for him."

"Two hundred?"

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"No."
"Three hundred?"
"He haint fer sale at no price."
Entreaty was in vain for the tramps started on their way, though the gentleman said as a last offer to tempt them:
"See here, men, this bag contains five hundred dollars, funds I hold of the Red Cross Society of which I am Treasurer. I was going to put it in the Bank, but it is too late now to deposit it today, and as it stands I will give it to you and make up the sum which was raised for a special object out of my own funds."

Even this generous offer was refused and the faithful dog, while the two children wept bit-terly at their father's unsuccessful efforts to purchase Nero.

purchase Nero.
That night the handsome home of Mr. Louis Dewhurst, the Treasurer of the Red Cross Society, was entered and robbed.
Among other things stolen was the bag of money the Tramps had refused, and though the robbers had been fired upon by Mr. Dewhurst they had escaped with their booty, and when the day dawned no trace of them could be found, for it was not noticed until later that one of for it was not noticed until later that one of the rowboats belonging to the place

missing.

The next night Mr. Dewhurst was aroused by the loud barking of a dog, and going to the piazza there he found Nero, wet and muddy, while before him lay the bag containing the Red Cross money the tramps had refused to take in payment for their dog.

The bag was wet, but it had not been opened, for the money was all there.

The strange actions of the dog, his apparent desire to have Mr. Dewhurst accompany him, at last decided that gentleman as to what he would do, so he called up the servants, lanterns were procured and the party followed Nero.

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He led the way to the river and while he plunged in to swim across, Mr. Dewhurst and his men got into a boat to follow, it then being noticed that one of the pleasure skiffs was

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to an old deserted house. He barked loudly as he approached and the glimmer of the lanterns caused a stampede of the tramps—all save one. That one was lying upon the floor, dying from a bullet wound received the night before when robbing the Dewhurst home.

Going to the man, the dog licked his hands affectionstely, while with an effort came the

affectionately, while with an effort came the You can't punish me now, for I'll soon pass

away and my dog will be the only one to mourn for me." "I leave him to you, sir, for I know that you and your children will be good to him. I love him dearly, for I raised him from a purpy and when I went to the bad two years ago, he followed my evil fortunes.
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"He stole that bag of money from us to take back to you, and the rest of the booty is here, for my pals fled without it.

"Who I am matters not—I am—only a tramp."

A doctor was sent for by Mr. Dewhurst, also a constable, but the tramp died before their arrival. He was buried in the village grave yard the next day, Nero being the only mourn-

yard the next day, Nero being the only mourner for the unknown tramp.

From his master's grave to the Dewhurst home went Nero, to become a welcome and honored guest. When the next meeting of the Red Cross Society was held, the story of his almost human deeds was told, along with his devotion to his master in his life of crime. By a unanimous vote of the Society, it was decided that a dog that had done for them what Nero had, was worthy of being made an honorary member, and accordingly his name was changed to "Hero", and he was presented with a handsome silver-mounted collar, upon which in enamel was the emblem of the Red Cross.

The Zaildar of Rach'na.

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ACH'NA is the name of the doab lying between the rivers Ra'vi and Chinab, and at the time of our writing, Bu'ra was zaildar of the cluster of little villages scattered among the banana fields at the south end of the doab.

Now Bu'ra was nothing if not a hater of the conquering race; and again, he was nothing if not a dissembler. He was chief among cowards, and that was well, for it prolonged life; and he believed implicitly in his own courage, and that was well, too, for it was a bulwark to his

complacency. But the curious part in his complexity of character was a quick and sympathetic recognition of the heroic in others. and that was not well, for it sometimes worked against his interest or his hate.

Over on the bank of the Ra'vi was Pan'kla, where a pier was built out to deep water, the only one among the villages on that side; and across on the Chinab, at Na'ya, was another pier, the only one on the Chinab side of the doab. Twelve cos—that is to say, about twenty miles—above Na'ya, was a missionary settlement; and twenty cos below Pan'kla was a seaport where trading vessels occasionally stop-ped. Thus, incoming and outgoing mission-aries found the Rach'na a convenient way of aries found the Rach'na a convenient way of shortening a tedious journey; and though there was occasionally a mysterious accident or disappearance, the travelers congratulated themselves on having such an agreeable and sincere friend as Bu'ra the zaildar.

So when rumors of an uprising among the Hindoos grew rife, which speedily became more than rumors and more than local in character, these missionaries looked to the Rach'na as a sure way of escape or place of refuze; and

sure way of escape or place of refuge; and when Bu'ra of his own accord went among when Bu'ra of his own accord went among them, conciliatory, effusive, magnanimous, promising all they asked and more even than they had imagined, they cast fear and apprehension to the winds, and remained until all apparent possibility of escape was gone. Then one day they slipped across the dangerous intervening territory to Na'ya, expecting to cross the doab in the security of Bu'ra's friendship and to be furnished with a strong escort by him for the journey from Pan'kha to the seaport.

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Sawar was lam'bardar of Na'ya, and can best be described by the word crafty; but like his master, the zaildar, his face was benevolent, with round, cordial, innocent eyes. Only sometimes, when he was alone, the corners of his mouth which had been taught to curve upward, would straighten obliquely toward his ears; and at such times his eyes would narrow and glitter, like a serpent disturbed or a panther that had gone long without food. But such revelations were only for his solitude, when his thoughts turned frankly inward; when they probed outward, craftily, his face did as it had been taught, and was the face of a good man. On the other hand the lam'bardar of Pan'kha was just what he looked, a bullet-headed, straightforward villain, as scornful of mercy as he was incapable of showing it. But in public service both Tez of Pan'kha and Sawar of Na'ya had but one mind, and that was the mind of

had but one mind, and that was the mind of their master, the zaildar.

On the surface it seemed remarkable that the missionaries could pass through the dangerous territory to the security of Rach'na, for stealthy forms glided from shadow to shadow and murderous regulared at them from overver correct. derous eyes glared at them from every covert along the journey. But pass through they did, without molestation or even intimation of danger; and Bu'ra met them with cordial congrathis men got into a boat to follow, it then being noticed that one of the pleasure skiffs was missing.

Lending on the other shore, the dog led the way through a thick woodland until he came

"The sahibs and mem-sahibs will stop at Na'ya to rest over night," smiled the zaildar, after the salutations were over. "That will be Na'ya to rest over night," smiled the zaildar, after the salutations were over. "That will be best, then they will be strong to accompany my young men to Pan'kha and on to the great water. I myself bu'ra, with the head men of my villages, will go to the limit of Rach'na for their further security. The Sahibs are my masters, and my poor life is but a small offering for their safety." their safety.

If any misgiving had been felt, this and the fact that they passed through the night in safety and were entertained with a royal repast in the morning, would have dispelled it; but in point of fact, no one had entertained suspicion. Bu'ra was a true friend and ally. His face even more than his words, proclaimed

Half way across Rach'na was a narrow defile

Half way across Rach'na was a narrow defile between overhanging cliffs. Here travelers were obliged to go in single file and pick their way very slowly and carefully. It was a place for accident or ambush, to be avoided on a dark night, or at any time were it not that Rach'na was a friendly territory.

As the party entered the defile, it lengthened out, the scouts in advance with Teg, the sahibs and mem-sahibs in the centre under the beaming guardianship of Bu'ro, while the rear was brought up by Sawar and his men. Teg looked stolidly villainous, but his eyes were gleaming; Sewar was the caricature of his master, benign, suave, soft-voiced, but alert.

As they advanced, Bu'ra's swift eyes investigated the brows of the cliffs, the jagged rocks among which they were threading their way, personal ornaments and baggage of the travelers; but more than all, the faces of the sahibs and mem-sahibs. If there was any one thing in the world which the benevolent zaildar loved above spoils, it was to see faces blanch and forms quiver and voices cry out in agony of utter terror. Not even spectacles of heroism, of stoical endurance, could give him such exquisite pleasure as this.

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"If the sahibs will now look," his suave voice was saying as they apppoached the narrowest part of the defile, "they will see things upon which travelers rarely gaze but once. Sahibs are fond of strange and terrifying sights, and this will be sufficient for a life-time. See?"

See?"
All craned forward eagerly, as one by one they rounded an angle in the defile; and then, one by one, as the dread spectacle burst upon them, they swayed back with an indrawn gasp of comprehending horror. The cliffs were lined with savage faces, other savage faces were peering at them from behind boulders; the scouts had stopped and turned towards them. Teg ferocious and eager, and his wild horde beginning to brandish their clubs; Sawar was pushing forward remorselessly; and right there in their midst was Bu'ra smiling, deprecating, snave, but with an intangible something in his expression which they had not seen before, something terrible. something terrible.

They understood in a flash; and after that one gasp of horror the dread left their faces, and they looked at each other calmly, almost triumphantly. They were without weapons,—without knowledge of weapons,—but it was instructed by the state of the stat just as well; weapons would have been worse than useless there. Bu'ra watched them smilingly, gloatingly,

Bu'ra watched them smilingly, gloatingly, then wonderingly. Why did they not wring their hands and shriek and plead for mercy. That was the usual way. But perhaps they were too paralyzed with fear to even cry out. Yes, that was it, surely.
"It is a fine sight, sahibs," he breathed softly, "one it is not easy to forget. And it has all been arranged for the sahib's benefit. Bu'ra is lavish in behalf of his guests."
"Yes, I see, I am very sorry, Bu'ra—for you." There was no fear in the leader's voice, only regret; and as Bu'ra's keen eyes searched the calm face and clear gaze, he read more of compassion than anger.

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"Sahibs," he began brusquely, but the leader had raised his hand, and at the signal the sanad raised his hand, and at the signal the sa-hibs and mem-sahibs dropped upon their knees. Bu'ra's eyes began to gleam. Now the Kira'ni were going to cry to their God for suc-cor, and that would be almost as pleasant as to hear them cry to him. And indeed it would not be long now before they would be groveling about his feet.

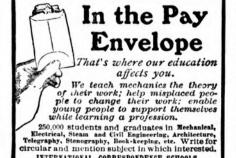
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But no! Instead of supplication, their voices rose in a clear, joyous paean of victory, swelling out into the remote parts of the defile, and up, up to the brows of the cliffs, where the dark-faced, flerce-eyed men lowered their spears and clubs to listen.

Bu'ra watched with sharp, scrutinizing eyes, at first expectantly, then with chagrin written on his face, then curiously. When the travelers rose, the intangible something which had been terrible was gone from his face, leaving it again suave, benevolent, frank.

He was smiling now. He had not heard frenzied supplications and cries of agony, as he had hoped; but a spectacle that was almost equally pleasing appealed to the other side of his nature. He saw sahibs and mem-sahibs facing death without a tremor or change of color; and the sight made his eyes widen, and brought his fingers to his lips in quick signalbrought his fingers to his lips in quick signal-

Sawar heard the clear, resonant whistle without a change of countenance, but to the fierce eyes of Teg came a moment of disappointment; then his face became passive. Down the defile and along the brows of the cliffs the fierce-eyed men lowered spears and clubs. They, too, knew their master. The signal ordered protection. Henceforward the travelers were to



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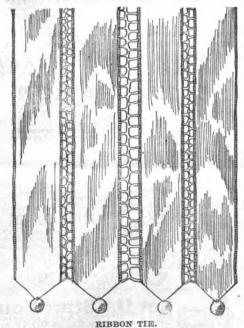


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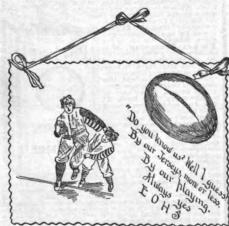
To The Editor.—Loving as I do the beautiful I want to tell your readers about two charming ever green vines which grow here in our city to perfection, adorning our palatial homes and cottages with a covering of living green. I refer to the "running winter ivy" and the "winter honeysuckle," the latter being covered in summer with variegated blossoms of delicious fragrance, and if vine is trained up and fastened, will climb fifteen to twenty feet, making a most charming fence covering, veranda or trellis shade; as an ornament and covering for the graves of our loved ones there is nothing more fitting.

The "running winter ivy" is a wonderful climber, needing no fastening, and a few roots or cuttings placed at the side of your house will soon grow and spread to cover its sides completely. As an absorbent of dampness or moisture from the outer walls of your houses it has great value, as well as being beautifully shady and ornamental. Both are impervious to frost and cold and retain their green foliage all winter long. Both are hardy and will stand sending long distances by mail, or otherwise. Several varieties of these vines are growing here, some of which lose their foliage in winter but the kinds mentioned are green the year round. These vines will take root during spring, summer or late fall. As a winter indoor ornament either of these vines may be grown in a vase or brackets each side of the window, forming a beautiful arch, and may be trained as a friese encircling your room."



With Christmas in the near future, a few suggestions for gifts that can be easily and inexpensively made will be acceptable to most of the readers of this column. The writer received a gift of a dainty tie, recently, which we illustrate herewith, and describe as follows: Four strips of inch wide blue satin ribbon, each one and one-half yards long. They are fastened together with a fancy open-work stitch made of heavy white silk. The ends of the ribbon are finished with a point, and each point has a pearl bead to finish it off. This tie goes twice around the neck, leaving ends long enough to tie in a four-in-hand knot, if desired, or, if fastened in front with a fancy brooch the ends will fall nearly to the waist. The ends may be finished with small silk tassels, if desired, which makes the tie longer.

The match-scratcher shown in the illustration is a suitable gift for a college friend. The foundation is a piece of cardboard eight and one-half inches long and five and one-half wide; to this paste a piece of watercolor paper nine inches long by seven inches wide, so that it extends over the edge evenly all around. On the paper paint in watercolors two members of a foot ball team, in their suits, scrambling for the ball. Also, in the colors of the team (class or college) paint in large letters the "yell." In the upper left hand corner paste a football made of sand paper, slightly colored and lined, on which to scratch the matches. Fasten to



MATCH SCRATCHER.

the wall by means of a long loop of ribbon of

Another idea for a match scratcher is simply a block on which two inch ribbon is rolled. Paste sand paper on each end. Cover the block with red ribbon. Put a bow of ribbon of the same shade but narrower on one side and long loops to hang it by. This may be hung to the gas fixture or put on the mantel. If fresh ribbon is put on occasionally it will always be a dainty and useful ornament.

Another illustration shows a nice little affair for holding matches. Purchase a tiny tumbler; it will cost from three to five cents. Cover enough small rings with pink silk to make two rows round the glass. To these rings sew ribbon to hang the holder by. Use different colors to cover the rings; filled with candies these make a pretty trimming for the Christmas tree, and when put to proper use they will be found serviceable.

The calendar shown in the illustration has the honor of being designed by one of our Content readers.

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The calendar shown in the illustration has the honor of being designed by one of our Comfort readers, Miss Lizzie L. Martin of Minneapolis. The foundation is of gray poster board, seven inches long and five wide. In the lower right hand corner fasten a small calendar pad. This may be purchased at any art store. From the book called "They Say" by Charles Getchell, select a saying suitable to the character of the one for whom the gift is intended, and letter it on the left hand is ide in white. Now select pictures to illustrate the sayings (they may be cut from papers, magazines, or if you are so gifted, painted in watercolor,) and paste this artistically on the card. The main charm of this little affair lies in the fitness of the saying. At the top cut slits in the card and run holly colored ribbon through and tie in a bow, leaving a loop to hang it by. The one shown herewith was presented to a lady whose son is a physician of note of whom she is justly proud. "They Say that some women never tire of talking about their doctor and their grandchildren."

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A constant reader has sent us the following suggestion for an evening entertainment, which cannot fail to appeal to some of our social friends who are ever on the lookout for something out of the ordinary for the entertainment of their friends.

The men are set to do tasks that repully are

tainment of their friends.

The men are set to do tasks that usually are done by women, and vice versa, and prizes are awarded to those who make the most points. Men are detailed to thread needles, five minutes being the limit in each case. At the end of this time the gentleman who has threaded the largest number of needles is said to have won in this particular contest. He receives a point towards the final prize.

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The work of the ladies in umbrella rolling is examined and pronounced upon by the men. The lucky woman whose rolling is considered superior to that of her associates receives a point towards the ladies' prize to be awarded at the close of the festivities.

Driving nails and making button-holes should be the next number on the program, the nails to be driven by the women, while the men devote themselves to button-hole making. Each lady is given a strip of soft wood, a dozen nails and a hammer, the men receiving strips of linen with buttonholes cut in them, needles and thread. A lively feature it proves to be. Points towards the finals are bestowed here as in the preceding contest. The awarding of these points is followed at once by a brisk round in which the gentlemen trim straw bonnets with flowers and ribbon, and the ladies puzzle over lengthy examples in commercial arithmetic. The results of these tasks are judged by a committee formed of persons of the opposite sex, the two most successful players receiving as before a point towards the prize.

The next feature is, if possible, even more

The next feature is, if possible, even more absurd and fun provoking than those which went before, for here both divisions of the company are given pencils and paper, the gentlemen being asked to write directions for making fancy dishes, such as angel cake, sweetbread patties and chicken croquettes while



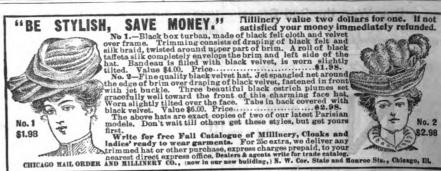
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the ladies are called upon to say how they would go about investing in stocks.

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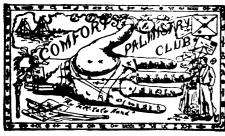


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Smoked paper impressions are the best. But if it is desired to send a plaster cast, take plaster of Paris and dissolve in water to the consistency of thick cream. Pour this into a larve shallow dish and when it is hardening place the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to send without breaking and should be very carefully packed in a box with the name of the sender written on it. Putty is sometimes successfully used in place of plaster. A good photograph if sufficiently well taken to bring out all the lines, can also be read, although in all cases the smoked paper is the best, if properly treated with firatif.

Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

HAVE so many questions about lines and

mounts this month that I am going to de-vote this article to answering questions.

The hand is essentially the organ of the mind, the medium of its expression, and the instrument whereby its promptings are carried into execution We first see the hand," says Sir Charles Bell, "ministering to man's necessities and sustaining the life of the individual; in a second stage of his progress, we see it adapted to the wants of society, when man becomes a laborer and an artificer; in a man becomes a laborer and an artificer; in a state still more advanced, science is brought in aid of mechanical ingenuity, and the elements which seem adverse to the progress of society become the means conducing to it. The seas, which at first set limits to nations, and grouped mankind into families, are now the means by which they are associated. Philosophical chemistry has associated the elements to man's use; and all tend to the final accomplishments of the great objects to which everything, from the beginning, has pointed—the multiplication and distribution of mankind, and the enlargement of the sources of man's comfort and enjoyment, the relief from too incessant toil, and the consequent improvement of the higher faculties of his nature." Is it unreasonable to pay particular attention to the instrument by which all these things are accomplished, and to

have been watching the Palmistry department; in the last one you speak of Cheiro's reference to the Bible, and the book of Job. Now, either Cheiro is ignorant of the Bible and the book of Job sepecially, and believes what some one has told him, or else he is a willful fabricator, for that expression 'God set signs and seals on men's palms that they might be read by all men,' is not in the Book of Job or the Bible. I saw that printed here in Los Angeles by a palmist in an advertisement sometime ago so I went and got the Bible and read the Book of Job through but could not find it, so when the last COMFORT came, I saw the same; thinking I might have overlooked it, when I read it before, I read it through again, and have just finished.

Job through but could not find it, so when the last Comfort came, I saw the same; thinking I might have overlooked it, when I read it before, I read it through again, and have just finished it, and that quotation is not in it, now how dishonest that is; so many people will read that and take it for granted that it is true, when there is not a word of truth in it. I think palmistry can stand without being bolstered up on falsehoods. I wish you would let me hear your opinion of this through the palmistry columns. I do not think you would willfuly mislead any one for you seem to be honest."

Now let us see what Cheiro actually does say about this. Here it is: In view of the opposition of the church it is interesting to notice the many important phrases in the Bible in which hands are mentioned. There are many authorities who affirm that among the arts learned by the Jews while in Egypt was this study of the hand; but the most important verse used in support of this is the seventh of the thirty-seventh chapter of Job. "He sealeth up the hand of every man that all men may know his work." In the original Hebrew it appears to have a very different meaning from that given to it by the English version. One translation of it runs, "God placed signs or seals in the hands of men, that all men might know their works." This verse, about the middle of the sixteenth century, caused some very great discussions among theologians and commentators. Among them we find that many advocated the cheiromantic aspect that the lines of the hand are "the markings of God, that all men might know their work." Among them we find that many advocated the cheiromantic aspect that the lines of the hand are "the markings of God, that all men might know their work." Among there were the these men could not have lived in a more antagonistic age in which to propagate their views. The translation of the Bible into English at a time when the opposition to palmistry, sorcery, and witcheraft was at its height, is very probably the cause of the wording of

XXXVI, 18.)

"And receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand?" (Rev. XIV., 9.)

is hand?" (Rev. XIV., 9.)
But of all the many allusions to the subject, the verse in Job is certainly the most impor-tant, and one which, as I have shown, has called the support of even Theologians. So that seems to throw the necessary light on the subject and prove that Cheiro knew what he

was talking about.
"Aimee" speaks "Aimee" speaks of her fate line as rising in the center of her hand and running downward toward the wrist. She reads this sign just contrary. The fate line rises at the bottom of contrary. The fate line rises at the bottom of the hand and runs upward and should be so read. This one rising in a triangle is a sign of success and shows that the subject will be of a scientific turn of mind in whatever she under-

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hand, whether square, spatulate, or conic. For instance, such a line on the square would indicate success in business or science; on the spatulate, in invention or discovery, and on the conic it would foretell success in money matters, reached by the impulsive action of such a nature, as in sudden speculation or en-

terprise.
An island on the line of life means an illness or loss of health while the island lasts, but a clearly formed island at the commencement of

clearly formed island at the commencement of the line of life denotes some mystery connected with the subject's birth.

The line running through a square, indicates preservation from death, from bad health when it surrounds an island, from sudden death when the life-line running through is broken, and from accident when a little line cutting the life line rises from the Plain of Mars.

A square, whenever found on the line of life.

life line rises from the Plain of Mars.

A square, whenever found on the line of life, is a mark of preservation.

Of the great attendant line found parallel to and within the line of life, otherwise called the line of Mars, I shall speak later. This attendant line, the line of Mars, which rises on the Mount of Mars, must not be confounded with those springing from the line of life itself, nor with those that rise upon the Mount of Venus. The most simple rule to bear in mind is, that all even, well-formed lines following the line of life indicate favorable influences over the life, but that all those rising in the opposite direction and cutting the life-line show worries and obstacles caused by the opposition and interference of others. Where these lines end and how they terminate is, therefore, an important how they terminate is, therefore, an important point in this study.

When they cut the lines of life only, they

denote the interference of relatives—generally

denote the interference of relatives—generally in homelife.

When they cross the life-line and attack the line of fate, they denote people who will oppose us in business or worldly interests, and where they cut the fate line the point of junction gives the date.

When they reach the line of head, they indicate persons who will influence our thoughts and interfere with our ideas.

When they reach and cut the line of heart,

t the line they denote interference in our closest af-fections, and here the date of such interference is given where the line cuts the life-line, and where it touches the line of heart.

When they cut and break the line of sun, they denote that others will interfere and spoil our position in life, and that the mischief will be caused by scandal or disgrace at the point or innerten. junction.

When the line crosses the hand and touches

the line of marriage, it signifies divorce, and will occur to the person on whose hand it ap-

When this crossing-line has in itself a mark like an island or any approach to it, it denotes that the person who will cause the trouble has had either scandal or some such trouble in connection with his or her own life.

When, on the contrary, the ray lines run parallel as it were to attend the life-line, they denote the most important influences of our

boys, if faint, girls; and if they are short or indistinct the children are either dead or not yet born. Several vertical lines on the percussion, crossed by a line which starts from a star upon the mount, betrays sterility, whilst a marriage line, ending abruptly in a star, Indicates a marriage or liaison of short duration, terminated by death.

House Cooling. WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.



T is beyond a doubt that before very long the dwellings of well-to-do people will be cooled artificially in summer, and this will be considered as much a matter of course as the heating of them in winter. From the present-day point of view it will be no more of a marvel than our modern methods of warming

methods of warming houses would seem to persons who lived much less than a century ago, when furnaces were unknown, and bedrooms were usually left unmodified as to temperature, no matter how bitter the weather might be

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The records of the Patent Office at Washington show that many inventors have been trying recently to find a solution of the problem of house cooling, but up to now no thoroughly practical and satisfactory idea seems to have been found. Possibly the houses of the future may be supplied with cold air from central stations, or with ammonia gas, just as nowadays companies in New York and some other large cities furnish steam heat. It might even be possible, though the notion has a suggestion of absurdity about it, to draw cool and pure air from far aloft on mountain heights and transmit it by pipe-line to near-by centers of population. To fetch sea air from the seaccast in this way, if the latter were not far distant, might be practicable perhaps.

Most of the patented contrivances for the cooling of dwellings suggest the utilization for that purpose of the pipes which in winter are employed for heating—an idea which certainly possesses the merit of economy. Thus the steem pipes averaged in calle which a next

employed for heating—an idea which certainly possesses the merit of economy. Thus the steam pipes, arranged in coils, might be used in hot weather to hold chilling ammonia gas. At the Capitol in Washington, the hall of the House of Representatives is warmed in winter by air which is passed around and between coils of steam pipes, and it has been proposed to cool the chamber in summer by simply substituting ammonia gas for the steam. It does

to cool the chamber in summer by simply substituting ammonia gas for the steam. It does not appear that any great difficulty would be involved in carrying out such a plan.

Quite possibly liquid air may furnish the eventual solution of this problem, inasmuch as it is not at all expensive, and is capable of supplying any quantity of cold that may be required. By liberating it slowly, with the help of an automatic governor, it might be made to keep a room, or even a house, at precisely a cerkeep a room, or even a house, at precisely a cer-tain temperature all summer long, so that the inmates of the dwelling would never suffer from the heat while indoors, no matter how severe it was outside.

HE Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III., in 1344. The emblem of the Order is a garter, formerly of light blue silk, with the motto embroidered in rubies, pearls and diamonds, but it is now of dark blue velvet about an inch wide, with the motto in gold. It is worn on the left leg, just below the knee,—but when the sovereign is a woman she wears it on her left arm just below the elbow.



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The sharp criticism of Admiral Schley in McClay's History of the Navy seems likely to result in a Congressional inquiry into the charges. If the matter is settled with the same speed as the question of who planned the Chattanooga campaign there is little danger of hard feeling from the result. The decision has just been made in the Civil War dispute and General Rosecrans is declared the originator of the plan of campaign. This generation has forgotten the details and hardly knows what the decision means.

September means the end of vacation to the thousands of children who are fortunate enough to leave the cities for the country during July and August. A still more fortunate class can prolong their outing until October. The teachers can best judge of the question proposed by two eminent scholars. One of them affirmed, "Knowledge is the product of leisure," while the other said, "Knowledge is the product of work." It is no doubt true that the clear eyed, brown faced little folk that the school bell calls in seem to have forgotten all they knew in June. Summer has, however, taught them a wisdom never learned in books.

It is a question whether the persistent daily newspaper reader is after all a well-informed person. There is a growing idea that mental dissipation may be found in the daily paper, but the accurate knowledge of current events is obtained elsewhere at a less expenditure of energy. The weekly and monthly readers of the current questions of the day grow in power. Magazines filling this field have a constantly increasing subscription list. Many a farmer depending upon his local paper for information of the great movements of the world has a clearer idea of them than the one retained by the eager reader of the daily press. e city newspaper is largely The immediate environment concentrates energy and attention to the detriment of interest and knowledge of world affairs. The dweller in the country looks beyond his own circle for interest and so is often possessed of more general information than the city reader.

The people who have taken so energetically to automobiling as a means of amusement are really behind the times. Ballooning is the amusement of the moment in Europe. The "fad" was originated during the Paris Exposition when a series of long distance balloon races was entered on. Many of the balloonists were members of the French aristocracy. The excitement of the long, swift flight through the air, with the landing in strange countries, suggested a new amusement. The passengers began to study the science that controlled the movement of these air ships. The element of danger has been almost wholly eliminated by the modern balloonists, but the element of novelty is there. Some of the women of the Austrian royal family recently took a short balloon trip. We may expect to

lers upon farms may find the American four hundred "dropping in to tea" in a literal fashion. The amusement is due here about next summer.

The foreign affairs of the United States are having one direct effect in colleges. The study of the languages that will be of immediate and practical business value is markedly increasing. Spanish is now taught in many high schools and in most colleges. A chair has recently been endowed in Columbia for the study of the Chinese language. The language is so difficult to acquire that even the wealth and antiquity of Chinese literature has not tempted Americans to make a study of it. A knowledge of Chinese is likely to prove of commercial advantage in the near future. The highest honor of Vanderbilt University is the medal in oratory. This year it was awarded to a Chinaman, Charles Yun Marshall of Soo Chow. His oration was entitled, "Miracles of the Twentieth Century." He predicted that China would take her place among the greatest nations. One of the defects in the education of business men is the inability to speak or write the language of the nations with which we have the possibility of trade. It will be interesting to observe the practical result of the new interest in the Spanish and Chinese languages.

The Washington Memorial Institution formally commences its great work this autumn. The request of Washington that a great university be founded at Washington with the money that he left for its endowment has long been a subject of discussion. The great universities of the nation with their magnificent endowments left no field unoccupied. At the same time, the great scientific work undertaken by the different government bureaus with their three millions annual appropriation seemed to demand that it be accessible to the general student. This has been accomplished by the Washington Memorial Institution which was incorporated in May 1901 and formally organized in June. Daniel Gilmore, ex-president of Johns Hopkins University, has been given the directorship of the work. The detailed policy of the institution is not yet completed but it will place at the disposal of students from any part of the United States the entire results of government work and research along the lines of science, economics, history, etc. Students will be able to study here for degrees in any of our great universities. It follows Washington's idea in the most practical manner, and when its purpose is understood it will prove the greatest educational institution of the cen-

The cotton growers of the South and the wheat growers of the West hardly realize the importance to them of a dam that has recently been completed in that mysterious "Upper Egypt". The Nile valley is the most fertile section of the globe but its productiveness has entirely depended upon the annual over flow of the Nile. The ancient Egyptians used to worship the river and make it offerings that it might overflow its banks and insure a good worship the river and make it offerings that it might overflow its banks and insure a good season. Modern engineering compels this ancient god to obey its commands. One dam has already been constructed across the middle Nile so that lower Egypt has been irrigated and its productiveness been correspondingly increased. Now a second dam has been completed and a third is in process of construction. By means of these an immense area will become permanently instead of irregularly productive. By means of these an immense area will become permanently instead of irregularly productive. Sugarcane can be profitably grown in the irrigated territory. Already Egypt produces one-tenth of the world's supply of cotton. It is believed that these staples, corn, sugar-cane and wheat can be supplied to England at a less price than America can fix. The commercial results rank the enterprise with the Trans-Siberian railroad and the Nicaragua canal.

The wild rush for homes in the territory opened last month emphasizes the fact that this is almost the last opportunity to obtain a home upon government land. Canada is now the only country in the world offering free land to home seekers. The vast public domains of the United States have been occupied and the opening of any new tract is a rush and a grab. Last year twelve thousand home seekers from the United States crossed the line into Canada while fifty thousand people entered her ports from abroad. All of these settlers go to the northwest. The Canadian government is planning a new canal to cross from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario. It is believed that ships may be laden with the grain from the great may be laten with the grain from the great Northwest and sent directly to Europe. The mad rush for homes in Oklahoma emphasizes a point of weakness that we shall have to meet in the future, that is the immigration of the farmer element who seek cheap land or free homes. Canada offers them an inviting opportunity and its government uses all its power to provide markets for the products of its settlers. Our commercial and manufacturing interests need no government aid to maintain supremacy they have obtained over other nations. We have dangerous rivals in our agriculture and our most threatening one is just culture and our most threatening one is just

The amusements of our untitled aristocracy are largely copied from those of Europe. The automobiles were firmly established in France before the present enthusiasm was aroused in the United States. The development of the sport showed the same dangerous tendency that it does in the United States. The high rate of speed maintained on country roads is a menge to life. In France the matter was regule rate of speed maintained on country roads is a menace to life. In France the matter was regulated by a national law but in this country it must be looked after by separate village and city laws. The result is that no law is enforced and the "autos" whiz past, frightening horses and monopolizing roads. The summer record for accidents from this cause is lengthy. If compiled in one list it would arouse public attention. We hardly realize that a new and rapid means of locomotion is becoming so see the sport imported to America. The dwel- rapid means of locomotion is becoming

generally used that it should be regulated to a generally used that it should be regulated to a proper regard for the general welfare, but such is the case. When the new storage battery which Edison has lately invented is applied to all movable vehicles we shall have a complete revolution in the present methods of transportation. Uniform laws governing the speed of vehicles will be as necessary as safety regulations on steam railroads. Edison's invention can be applied to anything from a play to a can be applied to anything from a plow to a freight car. The states should make general laws that will govern the features in the new transportations that are threatening to safety.

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A sight quite frequent in Canada but very seldom in the United States is that of a band of Scotch Bag-Pipers. Probably no other country in the world possesses a people so clannish, so tenacious to customs as Scotland and wherever the Scotch people go one will find a strict adherence to local customs which are handed down from generation to generation and are quickly recognized by those familiar with them. They are a people full of peculiar superstitions to which they cling as tenaciously as they do to their other customs.

A large number of people on the Canada side of the line are of Scotch descent and many of the military regiments are equipped with full band of Scotch Pipers. These musicians dress in the Scotch highland costume with Scotch caps, short jackets, kilts and from the shoulder the scarf of tartan plaid; half-hose with heavy shoes complete this costume so that the appearance of the Highlander to the uninitiated is that of bare-legged men with short petticoats, but as a whole the costume is strikingly picturesque and entirely distinctive.

peculiar and is accompanied by a droning noise. Its very peculiarity makes it unlike any other form of instrumental music and as the airs played are very lively there is an inspiration in it that is hard to explain. No other form of music has ever made the Scotch people in all parts of the world perform such heroic deeds of valor or led them to victory or defeat, where the very stubbornness of the victory made it overwhelming, as has this same bag-pipe.

Wherever the music of the bag-pipe is heard the Scotch will be in evidence and many a one will break into tears at the sound of the beloved Pipe in some distant country where their music reminds them so strongly of their rugged native mountains.

These people take great pride in their skill and by long practice can play for hours at a time. They also cultivate the art of dancing and have many difficult and intricate figures which they weave into reels and strathspuis. A great many Cana lian organizations in visiting the United States carry Pipers with them and wherever they appear they create a great deal of interest and are considered a very attractive novelty.

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As I write this it is the morning of the Fourth of July, and the boys are making the air outside my window blue with smoke and resonant with the din of their patriotism, and my mind goes back to the time, one hundred and twenty-five years ago, to "the day we celebrate", when a few acres of corn were all our country had to show of this necessary grain, and the following letter, giving an idea of the extent to which it is now utilized, shows us once more how rapidly we have advanced in power and strength in a short time. May our gratitude to the Hand which has led us, our patriotism and our endeavors to improve both ourselves and our beloved



Hand which has led us, our patriotism and our endeavors to improve both ourselves and our beloved country never grow less.

WONDER if any of the readers of Comport have ever visited a canning establishment? While traveling through the corn belt in south-western lowa, it was my good fortune to be called to the little town of Atlantic, about half-way distant between Des Moines and Omaha. It is, even now, only a dot on those broad western prairies, containing about five thousand inhabitants, yet it holds one of the largest corn canning establishments in the world. Already the corn of the coming season on two thousand acres of land has been contracted for from the farmers within the near vicinity. "Riding through this vast acreage of corn, and be seen. It reminds one of a vast expanse of water as the great stalks and leaves, gently undulating in the breeze, thow their different shades of green; or iater, when in full yellow tassel, it has to the nature-lover's eye, as well as to the ambitious money seaker, the same fascination.

"From the time when the first load of corn is brought to the factory until the close the work goes on in full blast; night and day factory and employees being pushed to their utmost. Of course so much machinery is now used that labor is much reduced, but about three hundred hands are employed for the season. Last year 4,700,000 cans of corn were canned here, making an average of 134,-000 cans per day in the season of five weeks, which they claim is the largest output ever made by any factory in the United States. The sweet corn crop usually equals about six tons to the acre, and setory owners provide for such a large crop by making it dependable upon their pleasure whether they will take corn to the excess of four tons an acre. The average payment to the farmers last year was \$18.00 per acre.

"During the season of five weeks, 4,700,000 cans were used for corn and 465,000 for peas. The cannery is a place well worth a visit, ast its very interesting to watch the work from the husking of the

Whether Christian Scientists or not the follow ing description of the beautiful rooms furnished by the children for the pleasure of Mrs. Eddy will be enjoyed by my readers, for we all like to hear of

"It is possible that among the readers of this column there are some who are interested in Christian Science. To those who are, perhaps a description of 'Mother's Room' in the church recently built in Boston, Mass., by the Christian Scientists in this part of the country will be enjoyed.

"This room, or suite, is in the church building, and is the gift of the children of the society, who call themselves the 'Busy Bees'. It is for the use of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, when she is in town. The entire suite is beautifully finished in white and gold with mosaic floors, and the main room has an onyx fireplace with mantel. There is a couch, four beautiful easy chairs, a writing cabinet and onyx table with beautiful lamp in the main room, also an eider down rug, which is made from the skins of a hundred eider ducks. An onyx bee hive is in one of the window seats, and in it are the names of the hundreds of children who contribu-



CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST CHURCH, BOSTON

ted to the furnishing of the suite. There are three stained glass windows in the room, and one side is entirely occupied by an oil painting showing the old haircloth rocking chair in which Mrs. Eddy sat while writing her book, 'Science and Health.'

"The two small rooms opening from the main room are the toilet and dressing rooms, which are beautifully fitted up, the dressing room having a full length mirror, chiffonier and wardrobe; and the toilet room having all the appointments made from marble, with gold plated faucets and trimmings."

ALICE EDSON, BOSTON, Mass.

Here is a letter which may give some of you "the shivers" to read, and cause you to be thankful that you were not there "to see".

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"I want to tell you of such a thrilling adventure I had not many years ago, while visiting one of Missouri's remarkable features known as the Rattlesnake Den. This den is situated in southeastern Missouri, on the banks of a muddy, sluggish stream which has been aptly named Blackwater.

"In order to reach the mouth of the cave our party had to climb almost perpendicaiarly to the top of a cliff some ninety or one hundred feet above the railroad track. How gladly we held to the few stunted shrubs that adorned our trail! For the hillside was one mass of loose rocks which were constantly slipping from under foot and tending to allow us a slide to the iron rails below, or probably on into the mud-stream just below the rails. Before starting up the ascent we were assured we had made no mistake in the location, both by the odor that arose and the presence of so many dead snakes killed by our predecessors. When we reached the door of the cave, which was simply an immense hole in the side of the hill, we were somewhat disappointed, for instead of being frightened we were charmed with the beauty of the scene before us. The long glittering stalactites seemed to be reaching down from the low, massive ceiling and bidding their neighbors the stalagmites listen to the murmur of a little stream whose crystal drops formed a striking contrast to the filth of the stream below. "I am sure our guide enjoyed our disappointment, for he allowed us to stand in wonder several minutes, then, calling attention to a large hole in the side of the cave, bade us notice in there closely. To our thorough consternation we beheld the long glistening bodies of snakes after snakes, some lying on the ridges of rocks, some moving slowly along the sides and ceiling, others curied up about the floor and on the tops and around the bottoms of the stalagmites. After once fully realizing our stuation a panic immediately ensued, and though we were aware of the danger in going d

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MAMIE B. SANDRIDGE, Nelson, Mo.

The following description of the inside of a mine may be commonplace to a westerner, but to the eastern cousins, most of them, the inside of a mine of any kind is an unknown world.

"Two years ago our family moved to the little town of Gowen, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, where my brother is a miner. We were seven miles from depot or railway, although a switch came to our camp to remove the cars of gold ore. The houses are painted red, and have neither stables, fences are never built because people seldom remain more than six months in one house, and the only decent drinking water to be had comes from a mountain spring miles away, and is hauled to town twice a day and sold to people at ten cents for a small keg. The supply is, of course, limited, and is soon sold, and later applicants to the water man can get none, his motto being 'First come first served.'

"During our stay at this place we planned a trip into the mine to see my brother at his work. We started about eight in the evening, as he was then on the night shift, We procured several miner's lamps, which the miners constantly carry fastened to the tops of their caps. These resemble a child's tin teapot, and are filled with lard oil. They hold so little that it is necessary to refill them several times during the twelve hours which constitute the day's work of a miner.

"When we arrived at the top of the 'slope' we lighted our lamps and went down on the tram car used for drawing up the ore. We went through doors and let heavy canvas curtains fall behind us as we passed on. Heavy supports of lumber which were sometimes not more than three or four feet above the ground, and men and mules alike are obliged to get through as best they can. The scaffolding overhead, or rather the earth above it, and the water sometimes gets so bad underfoot that it must be pumped out.

"At last we came to the chamber where my brother was at work, and there he sat on his little platform digging out the rock, while another man shoveled away

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Gratitude is one of the noblest impulses of the human heart and in few instances has this fine quality been so conspicuously exemplified as in the case of George B. Wright of Marshall.

Mr. Wright is a merchant and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich., who was permanently cured of lost manhood and nervous debility after declining health for years. He now devotes his life to helping other men who suffer as he once suffered. Mr. Wright offers to send the medical prescription that effected a cure in his case to every reader of Comfort who is suffering to-day as he suffered. All who will drop him a letter asking for a copy of the prescription will receive it by return mail free

The following editorial by A. N. Tally, M. D., regarding Mr. Wright's prescription for lost manhood appeared in the December issue of the United States Health Reports, published at Washington, D. C.

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We, as the highest American authority on all matters of health, sanitation and hygiene, are constantly receiving letters of inquiry about a reliable cure for lost strength in men.

Therefore we have ordered an investigation to be made into the subject and our medical staff found there were many so-called cures on the market, but that many were worthless and some actually harmful. Therefore when we came upon the prescription furnished free by George B. Wright, a merchant of Marshall, Mich., we instituted a most thorough laboratory examination and found that its wonderful efficacy depended upon its being exactly compounded according to proper chemical requirements, in order to establish the proper chemical actions and reactions in the human system, and that it should especially, and above all, contain each and every ingredient named in the prescription, otherwise it would be quite inactive and worthless.

Properly mixed and containing everything called for in the prescription, its effect upon the nerve centers is truly wonderful and its nerve tonic properties easily surpassed all ordinary methods of medication.

Among the benefactors of the race may be mentioned the said George B. Wright, inasmuch that he gives this grand discovery free to all who write for it.

Taken according to directions it builds up the weak and restores to full size and vigor the nerve muscles. It brings hope and cheer and lifts up the discouraged man so that he once more enjoys the beauties of nature and the pleasures of life. Failure in business and love wurely falls upon him who is weakened physically and mentally, and this sad condition is at once relieved and a new man made of him who uses this prescription.

Therefore, upon the highly favorable report of our medical staff we extend to George B. Wright's prescription for lost manhood the full editorial and official indorsement of the United States health reports. As certain as wound leaves a scar, and as sure as effec

ruin upon his face to betray his lost manhood. He goes to his grave a human wreck, and never tells of his sufferings for fear of shame. Such mental anguish at times drives him to the verge of desperation, and he is easy prey for those vultures in human form—quack docthose vultures in human form-quack doctors-who hold out alluring hopes of cure only to disappoint, and after robbing him of his money, plunge him into absolute despair.

No one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he who has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers except he who knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. A notable cure of lost manhood in an extreme case was effected in the person of George B. Wright, a music dealer and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich. Mr. Wright for years suffered the agony of lost vital power. He saw his physical power go from him as the result of insidious disease, until he was reduced to a condition of senility, and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

Like many others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weaknesses peculiar to men, and it was this that any one who can ride an ordinary wheel can manage an Auto-Bi, and with half an experience that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit.

He asserts that his ten years' suffering, both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again. It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself.

There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described, and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him little to do so and he feels a philanthropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves.

A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer, Box No. 967 Marshall, Mich., for his free prescription, will be promptly and privately complied with by return mail.



BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

HERE are several things at the Pan American Exposition which is now drawing crowds to Buffalo—that should be seen by all wheelmen. One of these is an "Auto-Bi" made by the E. R. Thomas Motor Co. in Buffalo itself.

The Thomas Auto-Bi is a motor bicycle brought to a high state of perfection, and it will rank as one of the 20th century wonders as soon as its many charming possibilities become known, for it invites economy, pleasure, and utility to an extent not hitherto accomplished. It entirely dissipates the popular conception that a motor bicycle is a heavy dangerous locomotive to be ridden only on the track by dare-devils who invite death every time they mount the "infernal" machine. As a matter of fact it is just opposite. It is nothing but an ordinary bicycle made stronger to meet the new conditions, with a little motor weighing about twenty pounds, the whole weighing seventy-five pounds.

The weight of the motor is near the head on the lower tube and rests principally on the front wheel. Experience has proved this to be the proper place. If the weight were too high, it would be top-heavy. If too low, gravitation would interfere with turning corners. If too far back, the front weight would be too light for steadiness or vibration, and cause skidding, in addition to other discomforts. As a matter of fact the Auto-Bi is much steadier and is equally as safe in snow, ice or slippery streets as any bicycle.

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The Auto-Bi requires far less attention than any other automobile. The bicycle has been brought to the highest state of perfection and requires the minimum of attention. The motor is strong in every detail and there is nothing to get out of order except with severe misuse and neglect. One twentieth of the attention required by a horse and buggy will keep the bicycle and motor in the highest state of efficiency, and render a service many times greater and quicker.

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The speed is almost intuitively controlled by the rider through the rear brake, though the throttle may be, and even should be, used in long tours in order to save fuel. It can be ridden at varying speed from three to twenty-five miles per hour.

There are four ways of quickly stopping the Auto-Bi: First by slightly turning the left-hand bar grip; second, by pulling a brass plug; third, by slightly turning a lever. Any of these will stop the engine. Fourth, by the coaster brake, which, with the full power on, with a slight

with a slight pressure, will reduce the speed of the Auto-Bi to a snail's pace, with the engine run-ning, or the engine may be brought to a full stop.
The most bicycle.
The Auto-Bimotor

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looks more like a toy than the powerful little engine that it is. Its weight is 22 lbs., being slightly increased to insure strength and mechanical efficiency. Possessing the finest tools, fixtures and machinery especially constructed for the purpose, the same degree of fine and accurate construction that characterizes the highest grade bicycle is assured. Every part is thoroughly tested and gauged, and each motor, under the supervision of experts, is required to prove the highest efficiency before shipment. Expensive tool steel is used in many parts that are usually made from castings; connecting rods are made from forgings; and all boarings are of lumen and phosphor bronze. Crank boxes are dust and oil proof and practically air tight, made unusually strong and accurate to permanently endure the strain of the motor. It is claimed that any one who can ride an ordinary wheel me we will visit the scene of a regular, oldcan manage an Auto-Bi, and with half an hour's experience the rider will enjoy thorough

nour's experience the rider will enjoy thorough ease and confidence.

There is also an "Auto-tri" which is the same principle applied to the tricycle. The makers claim that the gasoline supply of the Auto-tri is one gallon in the supply tank and three quarts in the carburator and that an experienced rider can cover one thousand miles with one gallon of gasoline and the supply can be renewed at

any country store.
So far, motor machines are limited to a speed of about twenty-five miles an hour. There is a great deal of misconception among riders concerning the speed to be obtained from motor bicycles and what is desirable. There are no two wheeled machines made for single riders that can go forty miles an hour, and they are not to be desired. A cycle capable of that speed could not go much below twenty miles an hour at its minimum pace, according to the present method of constructing motors. Moreover, they would be too heavy and cumbersome for popular use, for high power in motors cannot be had except at the price of greater weight. There is a machine that is said to have gone at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, and it runs at a ten mile pace when slowed down. Ma-chines that can be run from seven to seventeen miles an hour with a capacity of increasing to twenty or twenty-five for the maximum will be apt to satisfy the majority of riders, and the present prospect is that this is about all they

will be able to get. Wheelmen who think that it would be nice to travel at twenty-five miles an hour on the road should seek a chance to try it on the track by obtaining permission to ride on one seat of the big pacing machines behind an experienced steersman.

A man recently wrote to a manufacturer: "I

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A man recently wrote to a manufacturer: "I want a motor bicycle to go from forty to forty-five miles an hour." The manufacturer comments: "Whew! I wonder if that man knows how fast he would be traveling if he could get what he asked for and used it? I wrote and advised him to take a few lessons in going forty miles an hour on the cowcatcher of a locomotive. Then he would know what it was to rush through the air at that pace on a heavy wheeled coach on tracks, but he would still have no conception of what it would be to go as fast on a bicycle over a road. It would be impossible."

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A Colorado man is said to have invented an automobile for the use of farmers. It is a machine which may be operated by gasoline or electricity, and it is adapted to ploughing, seeding, cultivating or harvesting. The engine or motor is on the forward or drive wheels, which are joined by a long reach to the smaller rear wheels, over which the seat of the driver is placed. A large tranverse bar crosses the reach bar at the center, and to this tranverse bar the plough, cultivator or other appliance for farm work may be atttached. The entire power of the engine may be applied to one wheel to get it out of a hole or rut.

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A writer in the St. Nicholas magazine a few months ago gives an account of a home-made bicycle lamp, invented by a fourteen-year-old boy on Shelter Island: For the body of the lamp he used a baking-powder can. Through the bottom of the can he cut a hole, into which he slipped the oil-can, made by fitting an old lozenge-bottle into a wedge-shaped piece of wood. The hole being smaller than the plug prevented it from falling through. The wick, made of several pieces of string held together by bending a small strip of tin around them, is wedged in the neck of the bottle. When it charred off, it became necessary to turn up the wick with a pin. In the top of the can he cut a hole for ventilation, and one in the front to answer the purpose of a lens, and also a small one in each side for side-lights. Over the opening used for the lens he glued with flour paste a piece of red muslin. This done, the lamp was completed and soon wired to the front of the wheel.

Perhaps some of our "Comfort boys" can profit by this suggestion and rejoice also in a lamp of their own manufacture.

Here are some pertinent hints for bicyclers:

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Doyou k now the number of your wheel on the maker's list? it stamped somewhere on the ma-chine. In case the machine should be stolen, the might serve an important purpose in leading to its indent ific a-tion.

"I wasted time," said time," said Richard II.,

lection" of good times long since passed and gone.
"If Aunt Minerva and the cousins will come with
me we will visit the scene of a regular, oldfashioned Ohio apple-butter boiling. Some fine
morning in late September or in October the farmer,
with his boys and girls, his hired help and sometimes the good wite also, goes into the large apple
orchard, where not only are the trees loaded with
fruit—red, golden and striped—but the ground beneath is strewn with windfalls.
"The unsound apples are put into a wagon to be
made into cider, the better ones being kept out
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apples which were laid aside for butter are being pared and quartered. Sometimes this is done at night when all hands, and perhaps some of the neighbors, turn out and indulge in an appleparing heach

bee.
"Usually the apple butter boiling does not begin Early in "Usually the apple butter boiling does not begin until the day following the cidermaking. Early in the morning the huge copper kettle is put on, a fire started under it, and it is filled with cider to be boiled down. When sufficiently boiled this is taken out and the kettle partly filled with fresh cider. As soon as this boils the apples are put in, in batches, until they are all in. When they begin to cook up the long wooden stirrer is brought into use, and from now on the apple butter must be stirred constantly, lest it scorch to the kettle. As the mass cooks the cider which had previously been boiled is put in, a part at a time, until all has been used. The whole is boiled until perfectly smooth, and strong enough to keep. It is then flavored and poured into stone jars, to become a part of the housewife's stores for the winter. "Such scenes are always jolly times for the boys and girls on the farm. The ride to and through the orchard, and back again, on the load of apples, has its own peculiar joy for them. Then the cider drinking! What country boy has not known the delicious pleasure of drinking cider through a straw!



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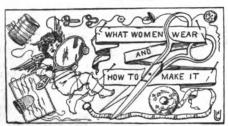
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NE of the novelties of the season is the Louis XIII habit, and worn with either plain cloth skirts of the same color, or very elaborate ones of net or lace, it is quite the latest cry. A delightful little habit of this sort is made of mauve taffeta with a ruche to edge the revers and deep cuffs, while a full jabot of lace and paste buttons on velvet straps make an effective ensemble. The skirt worn with it is of mauve cloth, and the little toque (the newest thing in millinery) is innocent of any trimming save for a single long plume of white.

Another smart coat of this sort is built of pale tan cloth, the revers and cuffs being of embroidered white glace silk. The high collar seems to have entirely disappeared and in its place we see the shawl collar.

Boas of tulle, with long ends hanging down to the feet, are most becoming to the face and figure, and every woman should possess one. Those of white are especially dainty and becoming.

As to the hats, choose the shape that suits NE of the novelties of

coming.

As to the hats, choose the shape that suits you best, for they are all very low and broad, and trimmed with lace and many plumes, or stiff wings. Black hats have white ostrich feathers. Hats of fawn shades are galore with very natural looking fruits with quantities of very natural looking fruits with quantities of

very natural looking fruits with quantities of green leaves.

The ribbon blouse is a unique creation, fashioned from chine ribbon, bearing a blurred pattern of autumn foliage. The full front is composed of cream guipure, with broad bands of folded ribbon descending from the shoulder and arranged in two choux just below the bust, the ends finally narrowing into a waist belt. Equally uncommon is a model revealing a round bolero effect in shot maize broche, richly embroidered with a white silk cord let into a loose vest of cream net edged with guipure lace, the neck and long sleeves being transparent.

Another blouse of finely tucked black chiffon is made with a square yoke of openwork, bor-

Another blouse of finely tucked black chinon is made with a square yoke of openwork, bordered by medallion-shaped motifs, in raised silk cord, and fastening a little at one side, with minute bows of black velvet baby ribbon studded with small diamond buttons. The same style of blouse in white is also very effective.



Another confection of satin foulard displays

Another confection of satin foulard displays a design of many blended pastel shades—ecru lace forms the transparent yoke, with sailor collar and revers, while white accordion-pleated chiffon is responsible for the vest, the belt being broad and pointed in front. Deserving of mention are the sleeves which have small puffs at the shoulders and large ones exactly below the elbow, finally terminating in tight cuffs of ecru lace and chiffon.

As to quills and feathers, their like was never seen, nor even dreamed of before. One quill there is exceptionally broad that is thought to adapt itself with particular amiability to the wide, soft turban toque, with its deep, upturned brim. This black quill used for its distinctive decoration is mostly black, flecked with white spots, while a more ornamental quality consists of the close quill feather on one side, a stem and soft film on the other worked over with jet paillettes. On one of the more elaborate of these turbans, one having the brim raised higher on the left side than the right and circled or cleft with a broad jet quill, together with two large choux, resulting in a head covering of quite a fetching nature, a thing altogether distinguished and apart from the tight uncompromising round turban, the latter invariably carrying a fine assumption of modesty.

The rain-proof wrap is the special care of the up-to-date shops nowadays. At the present moment they are being built of silk or

covert coating, the style of shape ranging from the straight or semi-sacque fitting to the close fitting style. The collar may be of velvet if desired. The range of waterproof fabrics in which the coat may be carried out is quite immense and the tones in these silks and covert coatings and tweeds are simply perfect. The covert coatings especially in their soft pleasant neutrals, something between fawn and gray, were most attractive. A three quarters loose coat is such an attractive, natty thing with silk facing and big pearl buttons.

A charmingly smart blouse is composed of yellow surah silk, each side of the front ornamented with bands of tucked blue glace, while this is supplemented by revers of embroidery displaying clusters of forget-me-nots. The inner vest consists of glace silk adorned with many rows of herring-bone. A charming blouse of linen for morning wear is creamy in color and has stripes of white embroidered covert coating, the style of shape ranging from



muslin over pale blue batiste running down the front and sleeves, a plain white muslin collar being turned over a cravat of pale blue

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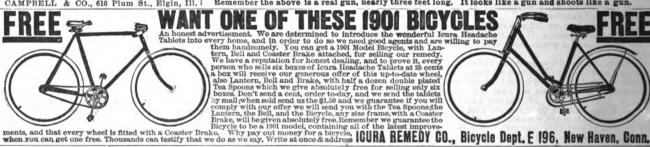
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ECIPES for invalids and sick people have been requested by one of our constant readers. and we are very glad to devote part of our space this month to this sub-ject. We are in doubt as to whether the re-quest was intended to be for recipes to the conbe for recipes to tempt the appetite of chronic invalids and convalesinvalids and convales-cents,—or whether re-cipes for making the things that very sick people are allowed to take were desired. So we will first give re-cipes for making the latter.

BARLEY WATER.

Pick over three tablespoons barley and soak in four cups cold water over night. Boil slow-ly for an hour and a half; strain, season with salt, sugar and lemon juice. Reheat and serve.

TOAST WATER.

Cut bread in quarter inch pieces,—put in a pan and dry thoroughly in a slow oven until brown. Break in pieces, add an equal measure of boiling water and let stand one hour. Strain through cheese cloth and season with salt. Serve hot or cold.

GRAPE JUICE.

Wash and pick over one-half cup of Concord grapes. Add one cup cold water and cook an hour in a double boiler. Add one-half cup sugar and cook twenty minutes. Strain and

IRISH MOSS LEMONADE.

Pick over and soak one-fourth cup Irish moss in cold water to cover. Remove moss, add two cups cold water and cook twenty minutes in double boiler. Strain, and to one-half cup liquid add the juice of one lemon and sugar.

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Heat one quart milk until nukewarm; add one and one-half tablespoons sugar and one-third yeast cake dissolved in one tablespoon warm water. Fill beer bottles within an inch and a half of the top; cork and invert. Let stand six hours at a temperature of eighty degrees F. Chill and serve next day.

Beat one egg slightly; add a little salt, one tablespoon sugar, two tablespoons wine or one of brandy. Mix thoroughly, add milk and strain. Wine may be omitted and a slight grating of nutmeg used.

WINE WHEY.
Scald one cup milk, add one cup sherry or
port wine and let stand five minutes. Strain

BOTTLED BEEF TEA.

Wipe one pound steak from top of round. Remove all fat and cut in small pieces. Place in preserve jar and cover. Place in a trivet in kettle and surround with cold water. Allow the water to heat, slowly, care being taken not to have it reach a temperature higher than one-hundred and thirty degrees F. Let stand two



BOUILLON CUP.

hours; strain and press the meat to obtain all the juices. Salt to taste.

Mix one tablespoon flour with one-fourth cup milk; scald one and three-fourths cups milk in double boiler, add flour paste and cook thirty minutes. Season with salt.

INDIAN GRUEL.

Mix two tablespoons meal, one tablespoon flour and one-half teaspoon salt; add cold water to make a thin paste. Add to three cups boiling water and boil gently one hour. Dilute

CLAM WATER. Wash eighteen clams, cook in covered kettle with three tablespoons water, until shells open. Remove clams, strain liquor through double cheese cloth. Serve hot or as a frappe.

RENNET CUSTARD.

Heat one cup of milk until lukewarm, add two tablespoons sugar and one tablespoon sherry wine; when sugar is dissolved add one

teaspoonful liquid rennet. Turn into mould and let stand in a cool place until firm. Serve with sugar and crears.

BROILED BIRDS.

Butter a sheet of letter paper; place a boned bird on lower half of sheet, fold upper half over bird, bringing edges of paper together. Begin at edges and fold over lower side and ends of paper three times. Place in a wire broiler for ten minutes over a slow fire, being careful that paper does not catch on fire. Remove from case, place on slice of toast, season with salt, pepper and butter. A breast of chicken or a lamb chop may be cooked in the same way.

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NOUGAT ICE CREAM.

Make a custard of the yolks of 5 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and 3 cups milk. Cool and add 11-2 cups heavy cream beaten until stiff, and the whites of 5 eggs also beaten stiff. Then add one-third cup each of pistachio, filbert, English walnut and almond nut meats finely chopped, and 1 tablespoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon almond extract. Freeze, using 3 parts crushed ice to 1 part rock salt.

POMONA FRAPPE.

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Boil 2 cups sugar and 4 cups water 20 minutes.

Add 1 quart sweet cider, 1 pint orange juice and from 1-4 to 1-2 cup lemon juice. Cool, strain and freeze to a mush. Serve in frappe orlasses.

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GRAPE FRUIT PUNCH.

Boil 4 cups water and 2 1-3 cups sugar 20 minutes. Add 11-2 cups grape-fruit juice, 1-4 cup lemon juice and 1-3 cup brandy. Freeze and serve in glasses or sections of grape-fruit.

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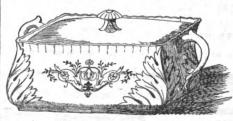
FROZEN FIG PUDDING.

Scald 1 quart milk, add 1-2 cup caramelized sugar; as soon as sugar is dissolved make a custard, adding the yolks of 2 eggs, 1 1-4 cups sugar and 1 teaspoon salt. Strain, cool and add 1 pound chopped figs and 1 cup curacoa. Freeze, pack in a mould, set in salt and ice, and let stand 2 hours. Remove from mould and garnish with stuffed figs, whipped cream and candied pineapple.

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Make a syrup by boiling two cups of water and one cup of sugar fifteen minutes; add one



CHINA CRACKER JAR.

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How do you do, dear Cousins? You are no longer Summer Girls, but with September must give up all the frivolling of the summer time, and think about the work there is to do and other things than trying to have a good time and keep cool. I hope you have enjoyed the Summer days and are ready for the autumn which is just as good a season to be useful in as any other. Now let us begin work.

The first one on the September list is Tanglefoot of Wallace, Neb. who says she has taught school two "tearms" and wants to know whether she should "go without" a 17 year old boy she is in love with to continue teaching her third term. It seems to me she might let him go long enough to learn how to spell, and also to learn that she should speak of herself as "I", not "i".

Twin Sisters, Paha, Wash.—If you only have "six fellows" between you, hadn't you better wait till you get a dozen, and put it to a vote which you should choose?

Lillian, Cromwell, Ia.—An evening caller should leave at least two hours and a half before 1 A. M. (2) It is proper enough for the bride to assist the groom in buying his wedding clothes, but wouldn't you hate to marry a man who would accept a charity like that? Better chase him off with a broomstick.

Babe, White Bird, Ida.—Girls of seventeen have beaus, but they should not. (2) Girls of thirteen and fourteen should not go to dances.

Golden Hair, Payson, Ills.—The best way to avoid annoyance by the young man is not to ride four in a buggy. (2) If you have no understanding, he has a right to go to see another girl every other Sunday night.

Mollie, Creston, Wash.—Better consult a physician about your face. Dandruff is a difficult matter. It is said a remedy is to rub the scalp with castile soap, caster oil, sweet almond and tannin. Lemon juice is also said to be good rubbed on the scalp but kept away from the hair. (2) Ladies don't throw dice in stores. (3) Ask your doctor about the pain in the side.

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Delilah, Stockport, Pa.—No, don't kiss "a very friendly gentleman" good by even if you are going abroad. (2) The jaws of the "boy who wishes to recline" on your shoulders should be slapped. (3) Don't marry the man you care nothing about; all his money can't buy happiness.

Will-o'-the-wisp, Stockport Station, N. Y.—It is not proper for a girl to be engaged to two men at once under any circumstances. (2) It is not necessary for the girl to applogize to the young man when her father breaks an umbrella over his head. She should present her father with a new umbrella. Michigan Girl, Mich.—There is no set form for

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which occurs at about three minutes past eight o'clock in the morning of the 12th of October, this year, falls upon the cusp of the 12th house of a figure erected for the time at Washington, the seat of government. At that time Mercury, Mars and Venus will be in the Ascendant and Herschel, Saturn and Jupiter will be in

cendant and Herschel, Saturn and the 2nd house of the figure.

Mars will be the ruler of the scheme and being strong in his location and conjoined with Venus, gives indication of success and unusual gain to the mechanical and manufacturing classes among our people and good fortune and credit to our army and navy. It would seem to indicate advantage to the laboring classes at the expense of capitalists, as a successful result of some strike, also an unusual advantage to those employed in the manufacture of wearing apparel or to decorative workers. Men will be remarkably ingenious and skillful in execution, striking out many novelties and inventing new methods in their labors. There will be more than usual misty weather and seasonable rains and a healthy air generally.

There will be a partial eclipse of the Moon in the forenoon of the 27th of the month, though it is not visible in Washington, our seat of government. Its beginning will be visible generally throughout the eastern portion of Europe, in Asia, the Pacific Ocean, and Alaska, and the end will be visible generally throughout Europe, the eastern portion of Africa, in Asia and the Pacific Ocean.

We are told by the books that the greatest effects of Eclipses are seen in the portions of the earth where visible and that an eclipse of the Moon in Taurus is evil to the great cattle in the countries where the eclipse is seen, producing more than the usual injury or destruction to cattle, whether from disease or bad storms. The figure for the Eclipse shows the two benefics, Jupiter and Venus, just about to rise in the east while Mars and Herschel, nearly conjoined, will be in the 12th house, the Moon is just inside the 5th house favorably aspected by the majority of the planets. Both these figures continue the good promises for the welfare and prosperity of our Nation and people.

Mars ruler of the 12th house in the figure for the eclipse, being also in that house, with other testimonies, threatens some bad break or uprising among prisoners or the outbreak of s

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1901.

OCTOBER. I-Tuesday. The morning is very unfavorable for most undertakings, prompting rest rather than exertion and urging unusual caution in all acts; the avoidance of disputes or controversies and as much as possible, all danger of accidents and hurts; see that the body is not needlessly exposed to danger; let the tongue be kept well under control; as the day advances, however, application for favor from public officers and persons of prominence in the literary world will be more than ordinarily successful; have transactions with printers, publishers, booksellers, stationers, mathematicians and all ingenious persons.

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mathematicians and all ingenious persons.

2-Wednesday. Continue to act upon the suggestions of yesterday, specially pressing thine efforts to accomplish thine ends with thy superior in authority or with officers of government, during the forenoon; the afternoon forbids success in such things and cautions thee against entering upon any new undertwing that here suddenly offers itself; have nothing to do with patents, trade-marks, copy-rights, nor with the organization of bodies of men into unions or corporations.

3-Thursday. Give attention to conducting the routine affairs of life rather than starting out in new lines or ventures. Press the details of all established business and prepare for more vigorous action when conditions serve more favorably for beginnings.

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4—Friday. This day is discouraging for the purse and embarrassing to the progress of enterprise; conditions are quite threatening and money transactions have limited chances of success; inducements may be held out for speculation but REGULUS advises his friends to beware of temptation. REGULUS particularly charges those who claim this as the anniversary of their birthday or who were born about the 1st days of January or April or the 3rd day of July, of past years, to exercise more than ordinary care in matters of both health and finance for a season; let them particularly favor the digestive organs by avoiding indulgencies in stimulating foods or drinks that are difficult of digestion; let them give no cause for business ruptures nor allow discouraging prospects to dishearten them, but doing the best they can, be content though they do not seem to accomplish so much or prosper as they would wish. The fair sex claiming these birthdays are likely to have quite a degree of disquiet under passing influences on account of male relatives or friends; estrangements in parental and conjugal relations are among the common effects of these conditions and patience and forbearance are recommended.

5—Saturday. This day is particularly propitious for

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7—Monday. Have dealings with public officers in the early hours when also attend to business with corporations and partnerships; look out for the purse in the middle of the day, being slow to make purchases of artistic goods unless absolutely necessary; musical and dramatical entertainments are not encouraged for the evening, and social engagements are more likely to be turbulent or full of controversy than to be pleasant and agreeable.

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8-Tuesday. Be not hasty in action or rash of speech in the morning, when also avoid all differences with thy neighbors; as the day advances, let every moment be fully employed for urging thine important ventures to the utmost; have money transactions of consequence and deal with persons of wealth and position; make contracts; sign deeds, leases, and all other writings pertaining to houses, lands, mines, and agricultural and mining products; adjust accounts with banks, make collections, and attend to literary enterprises.

9-Wednesday. Deal with printers, publishers

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9-Wednesday. Deal with printers, publishers, press-writers and all persons employed as managers of affairs of others, as trustees, counsellors, and super-intendents; execute writings pertaining to real estate and mining properties; make deeds, wills, bonds and contracts of all kinds concerning books and other literary productions; let the mind be fully employed, adjust accounts and do important correspondence; let judges weigh testimony and decide questions of magnitude and importance.

10—Thursday. This day invites the commencement of undertakings of importance in the fine arts and dealings in fancy and decorative goods; it is favorable for the marriage contract, promising happiness in the marriage relation now established unless the nativity happens to be very unfortunate in this particular.

11-Friday. Make no investment of thy means dur-ing this day for any speculative purpose and be watchful of the purse generally; do not bargain for houses or

lands or the products of the earth, such as grains, vege-tables, lumber or ores, nor have any transactions with banks, judges, lawyers, building contractors, or mining authorities.

12—Saturday. Use the morning hours in preference to other parts of the day; deal with government officials, politicians, and persons in authority generally; make engagements with railroad men, superintendents of public works and all ingenious persons or inventors.

13 Sunday. An unusually benevolent Sabbath day, inviting communion with the poet and musician and divine; church matters are favored generally.

14-Monday. Begin this day with its first moments and pursue vigorously all avocations pertaining to landed property or improvements; let those engaged in the literary pursuits seize this time for the inauguration of their principal efforts; let the forenoon be employed especially for prosecuting all literary labors and for the consideration of matters of great importance depending upon extra judgment and sound sense for their success; travel, engage servants, do correspondence, and be active and diligent in all commercial matters.

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15—Tuesday. Musical and artistic pursuits and the elegant occupations generally suffer peculiar annoyances and embarrassments during this day and the gentle sex appear at a disadvantage or suffer in greater proportion than usual. Special caution is urged during the passing days for persons born about the 5th of January, 6th of June, 7th of July or 8th of December, of past years, that they shall be strictly temperate in habit, avoiding too free living, dissipation, indulgences in follies, extravagance in expenditures either through vanity, boasting, false pride, or for self-gratifications.

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16—Wednesday. Let the musician, artist and all in the nicer avocations of life begin this day with its earliest moments and labor assiduously, dealing also in articles of dress, adornment or decoration, taking principal steps in all business of these classes as early in the morning and forenoon as possible; avoid the aged in the evening.

17—Thursday. Push nearly all pursuits vigorously during this day; seek favor at the hands of public officers or those in authority and make engagements in the fine arts; purchase wearing apparel and articles that furnish gratification and pleasures to mankind.

18—Friday. Give preference to the late hours for the

18—Friday. Give preference to the late hours for the most important engagements of the day; the middle hours are more baffling, especially in all literary undertakings; the evening is really the best for seeking money favors and dealings with the wealthy.

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19—Saturday. The forenoon of this day gives rise to baffling conditions not promotive of success in any important venture; it discourages dealings with real estate men, contractors and builders, farmers, miners, coal and lumber dealers, and men in the woolen trade; the afternoon and evening are best especially for the literary pursuits; do correspondence and make other appeals to the mind which will be active and responsive to thy satisfaction.

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20-Sunday. There is but little promise of assistance to the clergy or those connected with church matters on this day; conflicts of interests or authority among churchmen are easily excited under existing conditions.

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21—Monday. Improve the early forenoon for dealing in metals, machinery and cutlery, also for the pursuit of the mechanical trades and inventions; the day is a superior one and very important engagements may be entered into concerning the manufacture of all classes of artistic and decorative wares; it specially favors the artist, musician, and all who produce the gratifications of mankind; woo and win thy lady-love and seek enjoyment from all classes of entertainment and social engagements.

22—Tuesday. Use the pen very cautiously in the forencon hours when no dealings should be had concerning houses, mining, printing or publishing; heware of signing any writing binding thyself financially; postpone correspondence of moment and be prudent in all money transactions.

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23-Wednesday. The early and late parts of the day are the best; seek favor from thine employer in the morning and crowd all business with vigor in the early forenoon; put on the cautious cap as noon is approached and passed, avoiding haste or excitement in business dealings and see that no dispute is permitted to mar the harmony of the day; buy goods for trade in the afternoon, when also deal in real estate, boots and shoes, wool, lead, coal, and all kinds of buildirg materials; seek money accommodations from aged persons of wealth in the afternoon.

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24—Thursday. Strange interruptions affect the transactions of the early morning when affairs may promise well, but appearances are likely to prove deceitful; as the forenoon advances, however, let every energy be given to business; prosecute mathematical and scientific studies; deal with the intellectual classes, booksellers, publishers, printers, judges and lawyers; travel and change residences and effect commercial contracts of consequence. Unusual progress is made in such matters and benfits of magnitude are likely to be now coming from them, particularly to persons born about the 11th of January or March or the 13th of July or September, of past years; but the contrary is likely to persons born about the 9th of February, 10th of May, or 13th of August, of past years, as they are likely to be having temporary mental anxieties, controversies or trouble with the correspondence or accounts.

25—Friday. The day is unfavorable and little if any prosperity is likely to attend important undertakings now begun; avoid landlords and make no contracts with the laboring classes or with persons in real estate business of building enterprises; don't sign money obligations nor purchase goods for trade; the mechanical trades are more favored and those engaged in such walks in life are urged to give all their energies to their work on this day.

26-Saturday. Let those engaged in the polite arts improve every moment of this forenoon, urging and realizing from their several pursuits; purchase all articles of dress, decoration, musical merchandise, dramatic appurtenances, artists' materials, etc; have care in the afternoon against rashness and precipitancy in business affairs and control impulses to dispute; the evening and night hours contribute violent features that may result in fires or explosions; so let all have care in this respect.

27—Sunday. Partial Eclipse of the Moon. Depressing conditions result in the forenoon, but as the day advances it becomes propitious for religious exercises and favorable for church finances.

28 Monday. This day bids thee decline to put thy name to writings; make no contracts; postpone correspondence and have as few dealings as possible with literary characters or in the literary or educational matters of life; make no bargains for houses or lands and do not part with thy funds for needless gratifications; mercantile contracts should be only cautiously and conservatively entered into.

29—Tuesday. Begin this day early and labor diligently, for as it advances benevolent conditions decrease until the evening when begins an adverse range of influences contributive to violent hurts, fires and inflammation; beware of entering upon any matrimonial contract at this time least "repentance at leisure" be the fruit of thy venture.

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6-Sunday. Conditions at this time conduce to nervous excitement and restlessness and do not invite patient hearing of pulpit discourse or promote continuity in mental efforts.

7-Monday. Have dealings with public officers in the early hours when also attend to business with corporations and partnerships; look out for the purse in the middle of the day, being slow to make purchases of artistic goods unless absolutely necessary; musical and dramatical entertainments are not encouraged for the evening, and social engagements are more likely to be evening, and social engagements are more likely to be and unicative to individual and unicative to protecting is promoted.

30-Wednesday. Be slow to anger during the morning hours which are decidedly evil and trade in artistic goods or the elegant things in life is best deferred. Recultus especially advises the fair not to let wealth tempt them in these passing days to wed where there is much disparity of years; for disappointment and unhappiness will surely fall to their lot, particularly if the aniversary of their birthday falls upon either the middle of the day, being slow to make purchases of artistic goods or the elegant things in life is best deferred. Recultus especially advises the fair not to let wealth tempt them in these passing days to wed where there is much disparity of years; for disappointment and unhappiness will surely fall to their lot, particularly if the aniversary of their birthday falls to their lot, particularly if the aniversary of their birthday falls to their lot, particularly if the aniversary of their birthday falls to their lot, particularly if the aniversary of their birthday fall to their lot, particularly if the aniversary of their

31—Thursday. During the middle hours of the day applications to employers and persons in authority, for preferment or advantages, are likely to meet with favorable consideration; but watch thy purse and beware of suretyship or lending thy credit.

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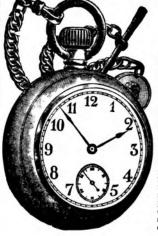
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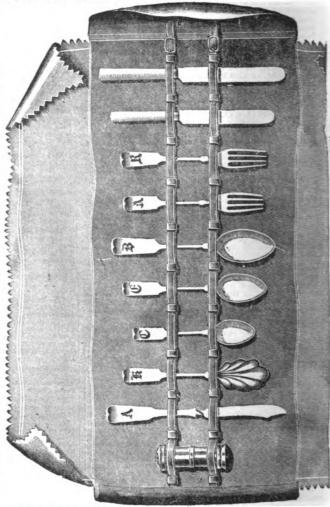
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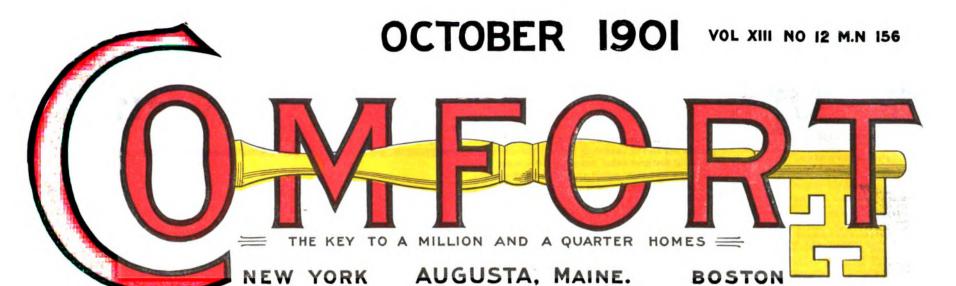
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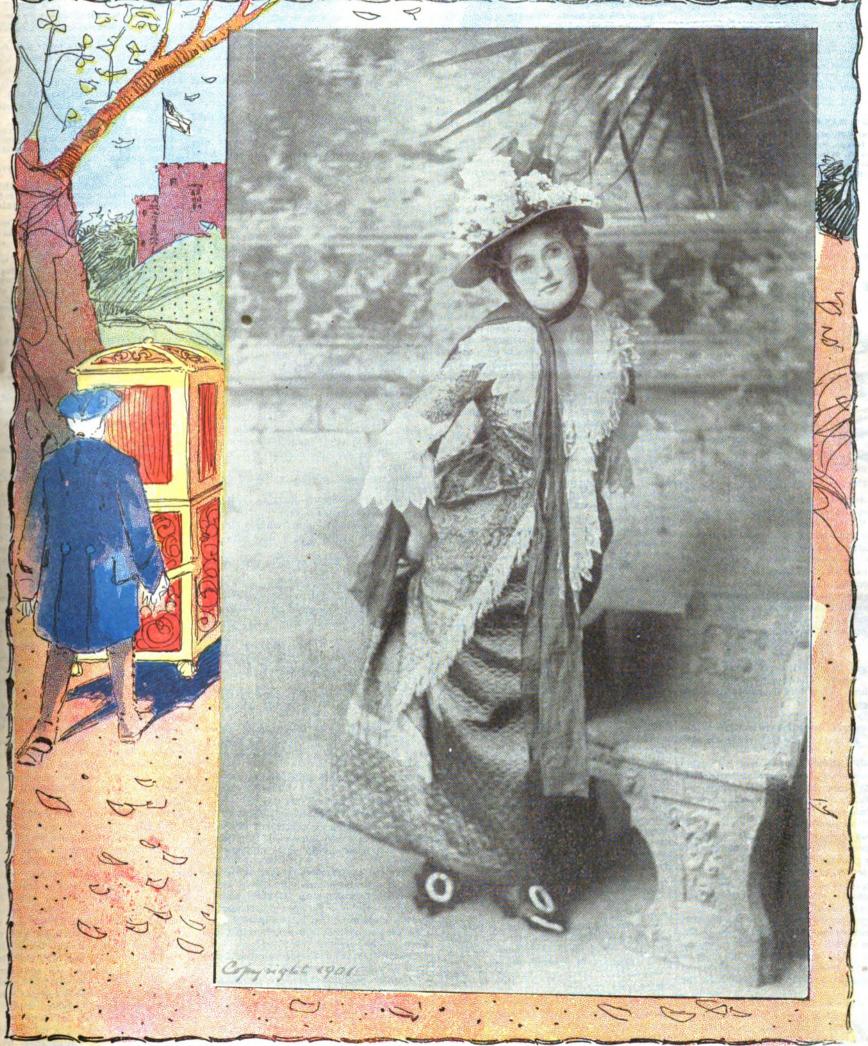
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By Word of Mouth.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HOWARD M. STRONG

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ONEY," wheezed old man Beamy, "is a nevil an' a curse even unto the third an' fourth generation." A toothless grin divided his evaporated features and his wicked little eyes swam about gleefully in their watery sockets.

"Alfy-your nephew-has not as yet-" the attorney paused and bit his

nails thoughtfully. "Nor won't be," said the old man, ap-

parently addressing the key-hole of the diningroom door. "You don't ketch me cursin' my nevvy with a bank account."

From behind the dining-room door there came the sound of angry mutterings. As these grew more pronounced the old man's meager frame shook with silent laughter.

"Turrible," he groaned, "to have to listen to such language as that. I'd be ashamed to look a commandment in the face after listenin' to them words of Alfy's."

"Why not leave all your property in trust?" suggested the attorney, suddenly. "Then Alfy-

"I'll leave it in trust all right," was the ready response. "Every dollar goes to found a nimbecile asylum. Then Alfy'll come into his own sure enough."

"But Alfy-

"Will you shut your mouth! Write it innimbecile asylum-of every thing I die possessed."

Consumed with indignation over his uncle's unkinlike conduct, and yearning to throttle Peel for his meek surrender of so promising a cause. Alfy, unable to longer remain a passive listener, flung open the door.

"FOOL!" he shouted.

"What was my last word, nevvy?" his uncle asked earnestly. "Peel here seems to have lost holt of my remarks."

"Imbecile!" screamed Alfy.

"Wrong, wrong," the old man corrected; "you've missed a word, nevvy, and it's the first one ever I knowed of.'

"I'll pay you for that," said the nephew. reaching out his long arms toward where Mr. Beamy was seated. "I'll shake that smartness out of you. I'll—" striding across the room he caught up the frail old man and held him at arm's length, as if about to dash him to the

A quick step sounded upon the walk, and in at the open window came a shower of handbills. Alfv's tense grasp relaxed, and the old man was dropped back into his chair.

"For a minute I had a notion to kill you. Alfy said vindictively; "and you too-" turning to the attorney; but that personage had already sought safety in flight.

Stooping mechanically, Alfy picked up one of the printed slips. He read it slowly.

GRAND PERFORMANCE! TREJAN'S TROOP of ENGLISH ENTERTAINERS THIS NIGHT ONLY AT THE TOWN HALL.

"You might open your heart once," he sneered, turning to his uncle; "and-" his glance fell on the shapeless heap in the chairthe livid features-the hanging jaw-dead, all but the eyes; they rolled and leaped and cursed the terrified nephew with a thousand maledictions.

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Unable to remain in the accusing presence. Alfy shouted for the housekeeper and rushed out into the street. By a singular stroke of fortune he encountered the doctor a short distance from the house, and this good samaritan he dispatched to the assistance of his uncle. Then hunting up Peel, he proceeded to unburden himself.

"It couldn't be worse for you, Alfy," was Peel's soothing assurance.

"But he hasn't signed the will yet," protested Alfy. "It must come to me now as next of kin."

Peel shook his head. "That was just a new draft your uncle was having made. The only difference is that the original will leaves all to Missions. Your're not in it, Alfy, in any way, shape or form. Have a cigar."

Alfy accepted the cheap stogy and bit off the end savagely. Several times he opened his lips to speak, but in each instance chewed off another section of the cigar and remained silent. It was a decided relief to Peel when the doctor finally entered.

"Bad," said the physician, in reply to an unspoken inquiry. "He is paralyzed—can't speak, feel or move; but he can hear and see all right. I'll stake my reputation on that."

"Sad!" groaned Peel. "What, going Alfy?" It is remotely possible that Alfy possessed a conscience; and this possibility combined with a superstitious fear of the haunting eyes will doubtless explain why he avoided the home of his uncle during the remainder of the day. In the evening he resorted to the town hall, and apparently slept through the entire performance.

According to all reports the show was poor enough; but for some reason Alfv chose to linger in the hall after the other spectators had straggled out. Later on he departed by way of the stage door and in company with the star performer. What Alfy was confiding in a low whisper seemed to amuse this gentleman greatly.

"O, you'll do!" he said heartily, slapping Alfy on the back. "You're a man after my own heart. Shake!"

About midnight the pair routed Peel out of bed, and Alfy introduced his companion as Prof. Vocosto, an old friend of the family.

"We're going to see Uncle," Alfy explained glibly. "He thought everything of Vocosto, and the surprise of an unexpected meeting may-well, persons often recover their speech again under such circumstances. If such a thing should occur, it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a lawyer and a few witnesses standing around, now would it?"

Peel, being a lawyer, was unwilling to express his opinion off hand, for fear it might prove to be worth something. Nevertheless he hastened to cover his shivering frame with a few needful garments.

"All ready," he announced when his celluloid collar was safely anchored and his shiny black bow snapped back into place. "But be it understood, gentlemen, that I attend in a professional capacity only."

It was the doctor who met them at the door of the Beamy residence, and here Alfy once more delivered himself of the story of the long absent friend-with variations.

The doctor shook his head wearily and assured them that it could do no good.

"Of course," he said, as Alfy grew insistent, "I cannot prevent your going in and seeing him, if you are determined to do so."

That was sufficient encouragement for the professor. He laid aside his hat, gloves and cane, and called for a drink of water. In a moment Alfy appeared, bearing before him a wash-pitcher filled to the brim, and from this unwieldy vessel the professor moistened his lips deliberately.

"Shall we enter now?" he asked, turning to the little group.

"Yes, now," said Alfy, and immediately fell

One after another the four men entered the bed-chamber of the stricken man. In his hand Alfy still carried the water-pitcher, and in the other a square yard of handkerchief.

"Great idea," murmured the professor. "Save them all, my boy."

"All of which he dies possessed," Alfy whispered back hoarsely, having caught neither the drift nor the sarcasm of the remark. "To his loving nephew-"

"Mr. Beamy!" cried the professor, "Don't you know me-Vocosto?" He stood at the foot of the bed, his arms tragically outstretched.

The old man's eyes turned from the doctor to Peel—then to his nephew—and at last came to

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I will send you, too, an order on your nearest druggist for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Use it for a month, and if it succeeds, pay him \$5.50 for it. If not, I will pay him myself.

No matter how difficult your case; no matter what you have tried. If my book shows you that your trouble is nerve weak-

rest on the professor. Several moments passed in unbroken silence. It was a trying situation; even Alfy forgot to weep.

"This is worse than useless," the doctor said at length; but the professor stilled him with a sweeping gesture.

An indistinct mumbling came from the head among the pillows. The professor bent quickly forward, a movement which brought him directly in front of the night-lamp, and threw a deep shadow across the bed.

"Doctor, he speaks," said Peel, trembling

"Witness-" the voice came faintly, as from a grave, cold and hollow-" I, John Beamysound mind-feeble body-do give and bequeath-all of which-I die-possessed-to-" The pause seemed endless. Alfy gasped for

reath and pressed nearer the bed. "-to my-" resumed the almost inaudible

voice "-dear friend-H. Vocosto-amen." The doctor sprang forward to administer stimulants. The professor straightened up and cleared his throat. Peel was scratching away with his pencil on the fly-leaf of an old note-book. It was fully five minutes before Alfy comprehended just what had happened. When the bitter truth finally worked its way to his point of comprehension, he threw off all restraint and rushed wildly at the professor.

"A lie!" he shrieked, "my uncle-"Will soon be no more," said the doctor, solemnly. "Gentlemen, respect death."

"Come away, Alfy," the professor said soothingly. "Your affliction is great; but be a man and try to bear it."

"Bear nothing!" cried Alfy "What did you mean by it-say!"

"Grief has temporarily unseated his reason," the professor confided to Peel.

"O, my reason's all right," whined Alfy. "If your reason is half as good it may save you a

"Poor fellow! come outside; the fresh air will do you good."

When they were at a safe distance from the house, Alfy broke out with a torrent of abuse. "You've played it pretty low," he stormed. "Sir," replied the professor, "I do not under-

"O cut that out; I want to know why you

didn't proceed according to agreement?" "Really, Alfy, your condition is pitiful; you

"Undone and overdown-brown! But I'll Broadway so long and never heard the story of spoil your game. I'll give the whole thing

dead away." The professor grew conciliatory. "That," he declared, "would be cutting off someone's nose with a vengeance. Suppose we comprom-

"How much?" Alfy asked eagerly. "I'm no hog."

"I'll take you. In the mean time-"

When the conspirators re-entered the sickroom, Mr. Beamy's eyes were closed and the professor advanced on tip-toe and Alfy followed a few paces behind, his handkerchief ready for immediate action. "Dead?" said the professor, pointing dramat-

ically at the figure in the bed.

"Dead?" came a faint echo from that ident-

ical location. "A vital spark!" exclaimed the professor un-

easily. "A vile shark," mocked the voice among the pillows.

"Nix on that," whispered Alfy, and clapped a bony hand over the professor's mouth. "You'll behind steel doors. There was no help for it, do it once too often."

Alfy's fingers, "not me."

"O gee!" chuckled the ghastly echo, "O gee!"

I fail sometimes, but not often. My records show that 39 out of 40 who get those six bottles pay, and pay gladly. I have learned that most people are honest with a physician who cures them. That is all I ask. If I fail I don't expect a penny from you.

Mine is the only way to restore vital nerve power. Other treatments brings but fleeting results at best. If you want to get well, let me send you an order for the medicine. If it cures pay \$5.50. I leave the decision to you.

you want, and address

Alfy's point of endurance was now passed. He struck the professor a vicious blow on the mouth, and the next instant received better than he had sent. Out into the hall and down the stairs the two men fought and cursed. A heavy crash and the sound of shattered glass announced their exit below.

Up stairs, huddled in the middle of his great four-poster, old man Beamy was shaking with wheazy laughter. The doctor protested, but

wheazy laughter. The doctor protested, but still he laughed.

"Got to" he croaked. "Alfy cryin !—friend Vocosto!—good joke."

"You could understand everything, could you?" the doctor questioned. "It is remarkable; and your sudden recovery is almost without precedent."

"Three strokes," said the old man. "Two more—much fun as this—won't mind. Tirst will stands—Peel. Ain't got—red cent to my name—'nother joke."

The sun was shining in at the windows of the Beamy residence when Peel departed. At the foot of the stairs he picked up a bit of paste-board, which lay among bits of glass and broken furniture. After a hasty glance he pinned it to the casing of the door, where it could not fail to catch the doctor's eye.

PROF. VOCOSTO

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PHENOMENAL VENTRILOQUIST with TREJAN'S TROOP.

As the Major Told it.

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HAT chap? Don't you know Johnnie Farrell? Why, I thought everybody on Broadway knew Johnnie. Luckiest chap in town, Fell right into it -'bout a million, I believe-but it didn't spoil him a little bit. Uncle in the Klondyke? Bah! Nothing so unromantic. you frequented

the old New York hotel Bibles, and the great Longstreet will contest? Waiter, another deni-tasse and two Perfectos, quick!

"It runs back to the time that the old hostelry was torn down to make room for the twenty-story skyscraper that stands there now. The famous old rendescous, as you know, was the virtual northern headquarters of the confederacy during the war. Jove! but its cracked old seams and crevices could have "Keep on looking disappointed," advised the told a mighty tale of intrigue, secret compacts professor; "it is our trump card. But remem- and mysteries of the great struggle that will ber to keep quiet and let me do all of the talk- remain riddles forever. It was packed with queer old furniture of the olden time, mammoth fireplaces and mahogany lounges suggestive of ease and a confidential chat over the doctor stood whispering to Peel, who had fragrant juleps and the clay pipe. For thirty ceased to scribble in the open note-book. The years after the war it was frequented by "Majahs" and "Kunnels" all the way from Chickamauga to Tallahasse and the whole breadth of the Mason and Dixon line. Well, when the word was passed around that a syndicate had bought the old confederate landmark on Broadway, a joint howl went up that shook Manhattan island and put Jeremiah out of the lamentation business. There was some talk of saving the old relic by purchase, but ground there is worth its surface covered an inch thick with virgin gold, while sentiment, though it may run deeper, is not hoarded and the famous landmark went the way of old "Not me," the professor protested between junk. I shall never forget the auction. Old graybeards came sniffling among the massive furniture, patting them like faithful servants

with whom they had to part, and the Hebrew gentleman who refused to run up the price because certain southern celebrities had once occupied them were all but mobbed. Then came the last night of all.

"It was a wonderful gathering and took place in the great ballroom-bleak, bare, lighted with a hundred candles stuck in bottles and what-not, for not only was almost everything disbursed, but the gas had been turned off. There was a mammoth fire in the great open fireplace, however, and it threw crimson gleams abroad over the faces of at least fifty frequenters of the old haunt, and not a man there but a veteran. Oh, yes, there was one-Johnnie Farrell, the last lessee of the house, barely twenty-seven years old, but a prime favorite with the old heads, I can tell you. It was Johnnie who ransacked cellar and attic for enough seats to accommodate the crowd, who bought the candles and lighted them, built the fire, furnished long clay pipes and brewed a famous southern punch whose secret was imparted by a dying Confederate general a year before. And such a punch! Do you know, with every sip you could smell the wild-flowers of Alabama, see broad fields of waving cotton and hear the slave-songs of our childhood days -but I am wandering. Excuse these tears. The memory of that punch-

"Well, Majah Daggett sang a southern ditty, Kunnel Sommers made a glorious speech, then came bowl after bowl, and speech after speech, interspersed with choruses that shook the riven old walls and reverberated through the ghosthaunted chambers like a call to the dead. Ah, it was a glorious farewell, and at the close Majah Daggett said, "Johnnie, before we rise up and call you blessed for this parting festivity, I want to know if you haven't some souvenirs of the old pile that we may carry away with us to cherish forever. Anything will do, only let it be part and parcel of the old dear spot identified with the illustrious who have gone before. Have you anything Johnnie?" The good host pondered, then shook his head. "Everything is gone," he said, "everything. There is nothing but laths and mortar left and that won't stay long. Hold on! In the cupboard back of the old safe there is a stack of old Bibles-a hundred of them, one for each room in the house. They were given to the hotel by a southern lady forty years ago, and some of them look worn through. Of course it was useless to put Bibles up at auction in this wicked town-

"Oh, suttinly, suttinly," said the Colonel. "But they are just the thing for souvenirs. Bring them on, old boy, bring them on."

"And it came to pass that within five minutes every old Majah and Kunnel in the crew was sitting there in the dying firelight hugging a worn black Bible to his heart and singing 'Auld Lang Syne' with the tears rolling down his cheeks, and then the guests parted and lost themselves in the sleet of a March night, each with his treasure under his arm and much sober meditation upon "Sic transit gloria," et cetera. But little did they dream of the strange sequel of the Bible episode.

"Read of farewell banquet in New York Hotel and distribution of Bibles. For God's sake keep trace of every one of them till I arrive. Anna Longstreet.

"Johnnie was sitting in the deserted office at the time, waiting to resign his trust and the keys to the agents of the Syndicate, and wondering whither he was to turn, for to tell the truth it had been a hard winter for Johnnie, and he was just about evens-up. He was seated by the grate-fire, a row of candles on the marble mantel above him, when just as the bells of St. Paul's tolled out the hour of nine there came a timid knock at the door and a tall woman heavily veiled, entered, snow-clad like a wraith of elder days. Johnnie stared at the apparition, but as she disclosed her pallid countenance, the man's heart leaped with pity, for sorrow and suffering were in every line, making her ten years older than she really was, for she was still young enough to excite more than common commiseration. Without speaking she advanced and sank by the fire, staring at it like one too overcome to speak.

nas been a long journey as she took from the hand of her host a glass of good cheer, the last drainings of the very last bottle of port, 'and I do not know but that I came on a fool's errand. But I saw the notice in the paper, and when I read of the New York Hotel my heart gave a flutter. Then as I went on I became inspired and flew like mad to the telegraph office. The Bibles-the Bibles! Have you track of all of them, sir?'

"Johnnie sat spellbound. What sort of a madwoman had he encountered here? He soothed her as best he could. 'I know all who were here last night,' he said. 'I think I can trace them. But explain yourself, madame, I beg of

"The woman clenched her thin hands over her bosom and lifted her eyes to heaven. 'It is my last hope-my very last. Listen! It is the simple truth. It will not take but a moment.' She nerved herself as for some terrible ordeal. 'Five years ago last December I married Winston Longstreet, the son a Baltimore millionaire. To tell the truth, it was a runaway marriage, for we knew that it was our only chance, since I was-well, I was a seamstress, daughter of respectable but very poor people in an obscure quarter of the town. We met and gown that was a perfect poem. She wore a

loved, Winston and I, and -well, we were huge bunch of orchids at her corsage, her young and rash; we eloped and came to New York. We arrived at seven o'clock in the evening and came directly here. After a light supper we went out in search of a minister, and were directed around the corner to the Church of the Strangers. There we met good Doctor Deems, God rest his soul! who made us one, two members of his household being witnesses. Back we came two of the happiest creatures on earth, and were assigned to Room 67 on the second floor overlooking Waverley place. I was brought up a very devout girl, never retiring without my chapter of the Bible and prayer. That night my husband reached do.vn one of those black Bibles and read the fourteenth chapter of John-ab, how I remember it! His voice was like music, and I worshipped him with the adoration of the maiden heart in its first secure sense of possession. Well, do you know, at the close of the reading, I distinctly remember of placing my marriage certificate at that very page for safe-keeping, and then we knelt and prayed out our hearts' gratitude and hope. The next morning when we awoke we found the sun streaming into the chamber, and as the hour was late and we were to take a steamer for Liverpool at eleven, there was barely time to make preparations, get breakfast and be off. It was not until we reached the other side of the ocean that I searched in vain for the marriage certificateindeed, I never thought that I should have use for it. We went to London, thence to Paris. My husband was never strong, and a cold contracted one night at the opera resulted in fever. Within a year after my marriage I was a widow and a mother, and then came the news of the Senior Longstreet's death in Baltimore. In all haste, with the little money I had left, I hurried home with my infant son.'

"The reception I received shocked me. Not only did the Longstreets bar me from their home, repudiating me and my child, but my own mother received me coldly. Then to save my child more than myself from the finger of scorn, I began ransacking my brain for a clew to the missing marriage certificate. Dr. Deems in the meantime was dead. The witnesses were dispersed. The contest over the will of the elder Longstreet, more to establish my son's claims than my own, went against me. I was on the verge of insanity from despair until -until I saw that newspaper note, and then I remembered. Oh, sir, I beg of you, if you have a sister whom you love, if you have a mother whom you revere, in the name of heaven!-She could not proceed, but bent down sobbing.

"Johnnie arose and brushed a tear from his cheek, for the Irish lad's heart is as tender as it is full of courage. 'Well, it may take a little time,' he said, 'but I promise you I shall go the rounds and search every Bible, though I fear with so much use in all these years

"'Ah, don't say that! My life-my child's life and hope and honor depend upon it. Go, try, for the love of heaven, try!'

"The host turned away. By the way, we might first go through these that are left, he said, making his way back through the shadows toward the old safe and throwing wide the double door of the cupboard behind it. A moment later he emerged from the darkness bearing an armful of the abandoned relics. 'Cheer up, little woman!' he said. 'There's a big contract ahead,' and he dropped the worn books at the stranger's feet. Down upon the bare floor the woman sank, seizing these ancient volumes as one drowning clutches a lifeline. Johnnie left her there, retreating for more books. Twice he made trips in silence, then at the third loading he heard a piercing shrick and a heavy fall behind him. The man's blood froze in his bosom, and drooping his armful of books which roared through the empty halls after the shrill echoes of the woman's wail, he ran back to the office. There lay the woman before the firelight in a dead faint, her thin hands clenching a yellow sheet of paper and a Bible at her side flung open at the fourteenth chapter of John.

"Isn't it strange how some things start, and how a little accident will turn the tide of a man's fortunes? Do you know what that boy did? He put his watch and Sunday suit in pawn to pay that little woman's way back to Baltimore, and within two weeks he followed himself on borrowed capital. He found exactly what he expected. The people who had scorned the widow now fawned at her very feet. Lawyers flocked around her like Klondykers over a 'pocket' of virgin ore, and the Longstreet will case was reopened on the new evidence. It was the easiest battle on record, and not only saved the honor of the house, God be thanked for that! but it landed the little widow just seven hundred thousand dollars in cash and gilt-edge securities. We saw something of it in the papers, of course, but we were little prepared for an invitation to dine which every Majah and Kunnel of that memorable farewell night received six months later-at the Waldorf-Astoria, b'gad! and with Johnnie Farrell. 'The audacity of him!' exclaimed Majah Daggett. 'Must have captured a fat fee,' mused Kunnel Sommers. But they all came to the feast, mark you that, and Johnnie made the punch. But what do you think! In the very crisis of the feast, who should come in but a sweet-faced little woman in a Parisian

countenance was radiant with welcoming delight, and she was leading a little tot of a boy with beautiful wide patrician eyes like a young emperor. 'Gentlemen,' said Johnnie in the hush, rising to his feet and lifting his crystal glass of the sparkling, 'I have the honor to present you to-my wife!' I say, the fire engines thought it was an earthquake.

"Think of that now! What luck some people stumble right into without knowing! But I'll take that back. Evidently Johnnie knew, eh? He's just back from London where he has been engineering a Syndicate. Great head, Johnnie! Shall I introduce you?"

Joshua's Change of Heart.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HELEN M. WINSLOW.

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WAS never more surprised in all my life than I was last summer one day when Joshua announced that he was going to sell the farm.

"Why, Josh Winter!" I cried. "What under the sun you going to do that for? This old farm where your father lived before you? Where you was born and where we've lived ever since we was married?"

"Wal," he answered uneasily. "I can't help it. Things ain't jest as they was. Times is hard on farms, now."

"Any harder than they be off of 'm?" I inquired; but all I could say was like the wind blowin', jest as it alwuz is when a woman untakes to argue with her pardner after he's got his mind firmly sot; and so I stopped.

I felt bad enough I can tell you; for this was the house where I came as a bride and where my little ones was born; it was where I had closed some little eyes for the last time and where my grown up girl had been married before she went off to start a home for herself. All these things had made the old place grow dearer to me every year, and now to sell it! Why, it was worse than cuttin' eye-teeth. But I said no more, even when Joshua come home from the village and said:

"Wal, Philura, I've done it."

"What? Not sold the farm?" I said with a sinkin' at my stomach, for I didn't know what bad luck might be on us.

"Wal, jest the same as," he said. "I've put it in the hands of Glib and Co. to sell and they say it won't be no time at all afore it goes, an for a good price too."

I couldn't seem to make up my mind what had turned him ag'in the old place so; I remembered how he had got fooled about the last hoss he had swopped, but he ought to be used to "give an' take" in trade before this time o' life. I recalled how he had cashed a note for some smart Alec from the city the past winter and lost fifty dollars by the transaction; I remember how he had sent fifty cents in answer to an advertisement "How to keep your well from freezing in the coldest nights," and had got a printed slip in return that read "Take it into the kitchen nights." I recollected that a few springs ago he had sent off a quarter in answer to another advertisement 'How to successfully kill potato-bugs" and had received a printed set of directions of how to catch the bugs and smash 'em between two pieces of board; but none of these seemed to me good and sufficient reasons for selling the farm.

I went out for a walk that afternoon after I got the dinner dishes washed and put away. I went up over the pasture hill and looked over the hundred and fifty acres that lay spread out before me, fifty of 'em in one medder-lot without a stump or stone and I recollected that we had been fairly prospered. crops had been poor some years, why, hay was heavy and sugarin' good; or if the hay-crop was light the oat-fields and corn had balanced off or we had sold off a good stock of young critters; so s't I couldn't see any good reason for bein' discouraged; things generally evened up about right. And we are middlin' forehanded today. But I held my tongue and didn't worry over what the real estate man said; advertisin' ain't sellin' a farm.

The next Sunday when we come home from meetin' I was astonished, after we had eat our dinner, to see my pardner pull out a Sunday paper from Boston and go to readin' the advertisement pages. He had picked it up at the post-office and I knew it; but I did not cast it up at him now, the number of times I had heard him scold about Sunday papers and call em contraptions of the evil one, (in which I agree). I only watched him out'n the tail of my eye and so ag'in through the week at odd times when he'd got that paper out to study it. And for several weeks that went on, he abringin' Sunday papers home and spending hours over the pages of "houses to let and for sale" and more specially "Farm for sale."

Finally one Monday morning he came into

the milk-room kind o' sheepish-like,

"Philury, here's an advertisement I wish you'd look up. It's been in two weeks now an' I'm goin' to try and make a trade."

I took the paper and read: "For sale. The dandiest farm in Vermont, Podunk county." (We live in Podunk county.) Good for gentleman's summer home or all the year round. In the midst of the most famous Green Mountain scenery, a beautiful farm of a hundred and fifty acres with sugar-bush, meadows, woodlot, and the best pasturage in the state. Present owner keeps only seven cows but might have fifteen or even twenty and make money. House is a large, ancestral mansion, roomy, with four fireplaces, piazza, blinds and everything to make life happy. Sold only because the present occupants are unable to appreciate a good thing or to take care of it. A farmer who understands his business can easily get rich here in ten years and have the pleasure of living in Paradise in the meantime. Terms easy, or would exchange for a smaller or less desirable property."

"That reads well," I begun cautiously.

"Huh! I should say it did," said my pardner. 'Notice it said 'would exchange' " he went on. 'Well, you go up and see old Glib this afternoon (we want some provender anyway;) and see if we can't swap off our old place."

"Have you any idea where it is?" I asked him. You see it says Podunk county."

"No," he answered, "Unless it's Colonel Watkin's place over in Freedom, or mebbe Squire Williams' farm over in Granfield. They are both gittin' too old to farm it. Anyhow go 'n see old Glib."

So I harnessed up that afternoon and went. Now, it happened that Cassius C. Glib did not know me by sight, as he never went to meetin' an' I aint in the habit of settin' round the hotel an' post office, where he spends most of the time. So when I went up to his office, on the second floor over the town clerk, he didn't know me from Adam,-or Eve.

"O, yes," he answered when I showed him the advertisement, "I put that in myself. I should like to show you the place first rate, madam. I will drive you out there now, if you can spare the time. Or, mebbe as long as you're here with your team-"

He didn't go on, but I said yes, I'd furnish

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"Oh, certain," the man responded in a way that made me reflect how appropriately he was named. "I've no doubt you can make some kind of a trade. The old man wants to sell the worst way, though for the life of me I don't see why. He's really got one of the best farms in the state and has made money there right along year after year."

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"I believe you said in the advertisement," I put in, "that he and his wife was gettin' into their dotage."

"Wal, yes," was the answer. "Not that you'll consider them so very old when you see them. But I consider that a fool is in his dotage at any age."

"Then you think this man is a fool?" I asked, with a little suspicion that I had felt all along growing big.

"Haint a doubt of it," was the reply. "Why, if I had that nice old place I wouldn't part with it for three times the money that dummed old feller asks for it."

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As we drove along the familiar old road, I asked him some questions about the place and the old couple that lived on it.

"I dunno anything about the old woman," he said. "But she can't be any great shakes for brains to let him sell the farm?" he went on. "You know some women are that lazy they'd give away their souls before they'd exert themselves enough to save 'em. I presume she's jest as big a fool as he, an' only thinks about gettin' off the old place and takin' it easy somewhere."

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I suggested that mebbe her advice wasn't asked: pardners are uncertain at best; but he paid no attention to me and went on.

"Well there ain't no fool like an old fool," he said at last. "There, ain't that a pretty farm?" he asked as we came along side of our own medder-lot. "See this ere medder? Ain't a stump nor stone on it. Ten thousand dollars is cheap for a place with so good buildin's and the land in such shape: but you can get it for thirty-five hundred."

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I smiled and said I wanted to see the house. So we drove on

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"Old man's over 'n the medder hayin' most likely; this farm's noted for its hay," he explained. Then he jumped out and begun to thump on the side door with his whip-handle. I let him thump knowin' pretty well the 'old woman' wouldn't come to the door.

"Never mind." He said after a while as he pushed open the front door. "The old woman don't seem to be here. Fact is, I haint seen the house myself. Now'd be a good time to see it," and he walked along into my setting-room and lit a cigar. This was a little more than I could stand. I was about to speak when we heard a load of hay goin' into the barn and at the same instant the door opened into the kitchen and in walked Joshua Winter.

"O here you are," exclaimed old Glib. "I've brought you a customer."

You ought to have seen my lawful pardner then. You could have knocked him over with a feather.

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"You know her?" asked the agent; and then he too turned all sorts of colors and looked as if he was going to faint. Next he begun to grow mad. He started to swear, but I broke in:

"Now, now, stop that, both ye." I said in as mild axents as I could for laughing. "I hope both on ye hev got a lesson that you'll remember a while. You, Mr. Glib, might learn to speak decent about your customers as well as to 'em, an' make sure of your game afore you stab it," but he had started for the village on foot.

"You, Joshua," I begun, "might learn"—
But Joshua was half way to the barn. And
that was the last I ever heard of selling the
farm. Seems as if, sence that advertisement
showed him the truth, nobody ever appreciated a good thing as well as he does our old
home.

Melancholy Muggins.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY KATHERINE STAGG

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AVE you got an extra pillow old boy?"

"Dog gone, Harry! A pillow! You'll be askin' for a lace hankercher next."

"Quit yer foolin', an' answer me. How do you know but I may have a lace handkercher 'mongst my soovenirs; you may recollect 1've been and in society. so to speak,-" and

Harry tossed his blonde head in most superior fashion; but that didn't quite settle the question for lanky Joe spat thrice and then drawled "ya-as, yer stayed quite a spell; 'an the boy's often wondered if 'twar at yer own expense or if the state war a footin' yer bills." This sort of thing was considered quite brilliant repartee in the select circles of "Blue Shirt", a wretched disappointed little western town that had tried to be a mining town, a railway centre, and a mineral spring resort,each in vain. It had even tried to make a record as the fiercest and most "wide open" place of the vicinity, but it was no use. Fame and illfame alike always passed just within a few

miles, and "Blue Shirt" held a very similar position to an old maid wall flower at a party. But like all underdone little places it was rich in naturally eccentric character. The life in cities acts on people like a magical machine that shaves off corners and original pattern as it were until the great monotony of type is made that we see so pitifully alike, as it hurries up town, down town, and across town in an habitual anxious hurry and worry.

virtue of a trick or two he had learned on his famous Eastern trip, Harry was looked upon as the dandy of the place; and it was whispered that a claw hammer coat lay con- that inner light, and if the voice I heard in this

she's blind."

"Gee whittaker! 'en alone?"

"Plumb alone!"

"Dang my buttons, but yer better see to it that she don't go foolin' roun' none tomorrow when the fire drill is goin' on. What is she doin' here anyhow?"—suspiciously.

"Naw;—she's a lookin' fer a party named Thornton, an' talks like she'll foller up the pedigree of all hereabouts 'fore she'll quit searchin'."

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"I aint never heard the name round here—hev you?"

"I don't recollect it jes' now, but in the hotel business yer runs up agin so many folks that git to 'sociating every name with something pecoolar to the person;—like Perkins with the striped pants, 'en Brown with his big bottle of spavin' cure; en thars the Littles, you know 'em, Jake en Abe. We always call em Big Little en Crosseyed Little; en then thars Henderson,—I'd never hardly think o' his name 'til I saw his red head comin' in."

"Well, here's the pillow, an' don't you forgit to warn the gal 'bout tomorrow. Oh, sa-ay! You might leave her in charge o' Muggins—he lowed today he didn't think shucks o' no fire drill."

Harry chuckled and answered "Thet so? He

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Harry chuckled and answered "Thet so? He told me this morning to put his bottle 'o rum one side so's the boys couldn't get it, en I expect nothing else but he'll be sittin' there all day playin' thet doggone game of dominoes with the dummy hand, an'cussin' and swearin' as usual if the dummy hand beats him. He don't seem to take interest in nothin' else;—en it do look curious like."

"Do you think that Muggins may be done a murder an' he's tryin' to forgit his nat'ral social feelin's, so to speak?"

"Naw! Jis murder wouldn't make a man act like thet," Joe looked very wise. "Naw, it must a' been somethin' a good deal more serious, I believe!"

The next day the long looked for fire drill took place, and the little old town prinked up and did her best to look spry and enterprising. Lively it certainly was—by noon there were more than a dozen men shouting drunk; by four o'clock the dozen had increased to at least one hundred; by sundown there were not enough sober ones left to count the victims of King Alcohol; and by midnight the whole place was bediam itself. A few of the rougher women joined in this mode of celebration, and it is related that one man going home wearily before he had entirely lost control of his own it is related that one man going home wearily before he had entirely lost control of his own equilibrium, had found the town butcher and his wife lying full length in a deep ditch, but side by side and passing and repassing a fat black flask as if their connubial happiness and content were an example to all mankind. The better class of women, however, stayed close in their homes and listened, listened listened! Some prayed; but with many their very thoughts were dumb. There was a sort of grim satire in the fact that no real fire in the town bad ever stirred such terror in the minds town had ever stirred such terror in the minds of its women as the fear of unknown deeds this night would see accomplished. The fire in

might would see accomplished. The fire in "Blue Shirt" was not of the kind where fire engines are useful.

Milly Lawson, the blind guest of the rough railroad hotel, had been served with her meals in her room very much to her astonishment; but that was the only way that had suggested itself to Harry to protect her from the scenes downstairs.

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Muggins was playing the game from which he had taken his name a little after midnight when Harry turned quickly from the bar and slammed the door between that noisy smoke slammed the door between that noisy smoke thickened atmosphere and the little back room where Muggins usually sat. In the other door way leading from the hall stood a slight figure bending slightly forward with hands clasped in almost painful intensity.

Muggins looked up for a second and said, "I'm blamed glad you closed that door; can't yer clear them cattle out o' the bar? They are gettin' too gol-darned full fer even a fool to see any fun in 'em any longer."

At the sound of his voice, a convulsive tremor ran through Milly's frame and she pushed forward into the room. At sight of her Mug-

forward into the room. At sight of her Mug-gins smothered an unholy expression and flung all his dominoes topsy turvy on the table, the noise drowning his almost unconscious words. In a low and sweet but painfully anx-ious voice Milly asked:

"Landlord, are you there?" Harry answered at once, "Yes, young lady,

right here."
"Who was that I heard talking to you in this oom a few minutes ago?"

Harry was so astonished that in spite of

Muggins' furious efforts at sign language, he replied:
"Why, that war Muggins!"

"But what other name has he? I would give the world to know." Harry was almost choked by a heavy hand on

his collar, and paper was thrust before him on which was written "ask her 'why'." The question was put and she came forward eagerly almost touching Muggins as she passed

"Oh, because his voice was the voice of one "Oh, because his voice was the voice of one who was once very dear to me; one whom I have not met in six years; and even now, if I should find him, I will never see for I became blind just after the last time he ever came to visit me." Harry looked uneasily at Muggins but he shook his head. Poor Milly continued. "Oh, gentlemen, please forgive me and understand. My story is too long to tell, but we who are blind have certain intuitions that we can't explain: I have come here guided only by

cealed at the bottom of his trunk—still this was not seriously believed by the majority.

"Come now, hand out yer pillow if you've got one; yer know tomorrow is the day we christen our first fire engine, 'en the hotel is full to bustin' and"—with great emphasis—the big guns, eh? 'En yur too soft to sleep on a plank;" deep contempt was in Joe's voice but Harry indignantly replied:

"Me? I could sleep standin' up agin' anything short of a hot wire fence. No, its fer a woman who happened to drop here by way of the railroad just when this fire engine jamboree is coming off 'en I want the pillow fer her."

"That alters the case; I'll even go so fur as to say that if thar is a lady in this pillow case that I'll ante the pillow, add a clean pillow case, and hope that the lady on the pillow case will take care of herself and keep away young fellers wot seem mighty anxious 'bout this pillow case." Having perpetrated this outrageous pun old Joe hated to stop and would have doubtless kept on playing with the words like a cat with a mouse had not Harry interrupted. "Look here, Joe, I feel more pertikler than usual in makin' the gal comfortable,—fer she's blind."

"Gee whittaker! 'en alone?"

room tonight is indeed the voice of John then I beg of him in the name of the past to speak to me." A terrible struggle seemed to be going on in the soul of Muggins—his face was ghastly with the effort to control himself. Milly fumbled a little at her breast to speak to me." A terrible struggle seemed to be going on in the soul of Muggins—his face was ghastly with the effort to control himself. Milly fumbled a little at her breast to speak to me." A terrible struggle seemed to be going on in the soul of Muggins—his face was ghastly with the effort to control himself. Milly fumbled a little at her breast to speak to me." A terrible struggle seemed to be going on in the soul of Muggins—his face and the begoing on in the soul of Muggins—his face and the begoing on in the soul of Muggins—his face and the begoing on in the soul of Muggins—h cealed at the bottom of his trunk—still this was not seriously believed by the majority.
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now--"oh, John, don't try to deny yourself to me. For six years I have carried this letter not knowing what was in it, trying to guess the dear words I could not see; and yet—they said such cruel things that I dared not let other eyes than yours read it for me."

A sudden great relief dawned in Muggins' face and with one leap he caught girl, letter and all in his sturdy arms. "Milly, Milly; my Milly! and you never read my letter. I understand now! Yes, girl, I was in trouble, and in that letter I told you how to help me out; certain delicate business of my firm that I would trust to no one else. When the help did not come, I thought you had turned against me; and they told me infernal lies, too, and I had no chance of finding out the truth for I was sent to—to jail! I am a jail-bird, Milly!" And he tried to unloosen her clinging arms. But she only nestled closer and whispered:

"Your jail time is past, dear, but mine will never be over until I open my eyes in the world beyond. And, oh, John, I want a good kind dear jailer while I'm here—"

"Milly, don't! Would to God I were half good enough—"

"You are good enough to take care of me,

"Milly, don't! Would to God I were half good enough—"
"You are good enough to take care of me, and—and to read my letters!"
But that seemed to Harry sacred work, the reading of this much-belated love letter. He sneaked around by the hall and into the bar quite unmissed by Muggins and Milly. With a look of surprised importance as if he had been assisting at some weird rendezvous, he quickly cleared the place of the besotted left-overs of the wholesale spree; and, pouring out a generous drink for himself he bowed gravely toward the inner room, and said impressively:

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"Wa'al, here's to 'em! I've allus heerd thet
spooks and spirits in general gits oncommon active when thar's plenty o' booze about. En if thet was the cause o' bringin' that gal here tonight—she seemed to feel some queer inflooince—I'm blamed ef it wasn't worth while fer the hull town ter git drunk.'

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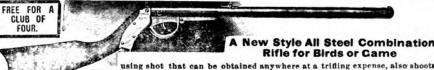
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OMEWHERE along the dusty roads of Cuba the regiment picked up Nuenzes, a dark-skinned little Cuban boy. For a month he marched with the soldiers and shared their lot, smiling where the soldiers swore, and content to follow the regiment to the ends of the earth. The time that he was with the regiment was short, but during those days he endeared himself to every man, and there were few dry eyes when it was learned that "Taps," as he was called, owing to his

fondness for that military farewell, was no more, and that shortly would taps be sounded above lds little, emaciated body.

Those were trying days for the Northern soldier, unaccustomed as he was to the fierce, tropical sun, and many of the boys dropped by the roadside to rest for a few moments, hurrying along shortly to catch up with the regiment. It was at such times that "Taps" endeared himself to the soldiers, dropping behind with the exhausted comrade and making himself generally useful by pouring from ing himself generally useful by pouring from his rusty canteen, which one of the boys had given him, a generous drink of water, loosening the shirt-front, the while fanning vigorously with a curious little fan which he had woven from native grasses and leaves.

One morning a soldier fainted, and as the regiment passed on, "Taps" kneeled beside the prostrate form. As the men marched by they little thought that it was to be the last time that they would witness that little act of this unrecognized soldier of the Red Cross, but it was, for there is always a last time, and the

was, for there is always a last time, and the men learned the truth within twenty-four

An hour passed and the fallen comrade failed An nour passet and the initer confrade laned to overtake his company, and a mounted surgeon was sent to look after the man. Two hours later he returned—alone; said that there was no trace of the soldier and "Tape", save the telltale marks of a scuffle in the deep dust of the road.

The road.

The regiment marched on, but the surgeon's report cast a shadow which checked merriment and jest for the remainder of the day. With "Taps" absent, it seemed almost as though they had lost their flag, or their

though they had lost their flag, or their colonel.

That night the soldiers pitched camp on a rising piece of ground twenty miles from the point where "Taps" was last seen. Sentries were posted and presently all was quiet for the night, no sound being heard save the frogs and night-birds and the deep breathing of hundreds of footsore soldiers.

Suddenly one of the sentries was heard to challenge an advancing figure. Either the intruder failed to hear, or understand the challenge, for he pressed on through the thicket. There was a flash and report, and a dull thud told that the sentinel's aim had been true. A moment later an agonized cry brought officers and men from their quarters even more quickly than the report of the rifle alone. They found the sentinel kneeling by the side of an unconscious little form, and by the light of a match they learned that "Taps" had returned—returned to be shot.

The boy thrust his hand mechanically into his pocket and drew out a bit of paper. He was unconscious, but the mind was active in a measure, and as he held it out in his trembling hand, he looked appealingly from one to another, striving the while to speak.

The Colonel seized the paper and read for an instant and his face paled perceptibly.

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"Taps and I are prisoners," read the note, "but hope to see him free by dusk. There is a large force of Spaniards following you, intent upon striking a blow by daybreak. Be ready for them. Johnson."

Steps were taken at once to give the enemy a warm reception and shortly before sunrise the Spaniards made an attack only to be repulsed and driven back in disorder. It was they who were surprised, not the Americans as they had

As the rifle shots died away in the distance and the boys in blue returned to camp, "Taps" opened his eyes in a questioning sort of way, and placing his right hand before his mouth much as the bugler would have done, painfully moved his fingers up and down, the lips moved convulsively as though trying to utter a word. There was a moment of silence and then the tongue was loosed.

"Play taps," he said, and there was something so strangely pathetic about it that those who heard found a great lump rising in their throats. the rifle shots died away

very white and tears were blinding his eyes, but somehow he managed to play the pathetic little melody as he had never played it before, and as the tones floated over across the neighboring river the hills of Cuba echoed and recechoed, and as the last faint answer came back "Taps" passed away. It was a scene never to be forgotten, and of those gathered about there was not one with dry eyes; they all cried and they were not ashamed of it, either.

A lonely little grave was dug there on the hillside overlooking the river and as the little hero was tenderly placed therein, taps was sounded again. Shortly was the regiment on the march again, but the memory of that morning's sad scenes remained with the men for hours and days. It was one of life's tragedies that time cannot readily efface.

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WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.



ASSAR has celebrated Founder's Day and Philalethean since its earliest annals, and to the Vassar girl no other occasions arouse quite so much anticipation and enjoyment. Philaletheis is the oldest of the College societies, founded less than three months after the estab-

months after the establishment of the seat of learning in 1865, and Philalethean Day, coming the first week in December, is its birthday festival, kept with formality and gay merry-making. The committee is busy for days beforehand, and the corridors and reception rooms are bright with decorations and Vassar's colors, pink and gray, when the guests assemble at night and proceed to the chapel where the exercises occur, the society's president, a prominent senior, cur, the society's president, a prominent senior, making the address of welcome, followed by some distinguished man, the speaker of the evening. At the close comes supper, with music and dancing in the long dancing hall of the main building. The next day continues the festivities, the girls giving teas and chaf-ing dish parties, or Mrs. Kendrick, the lady principal, a reception, and the Glee Club a con-cert.

On Founder's day, falling upon April 29, the date when Matthew Vassar was born, the pro-gramme is much the same as on "Phil," as the gramme is much the same as on whith, as the girls call it in college parlance. There is a crush of friends and statives, the young hostesess are charming in their dainty gowns, and to the outsider the romance of college life is re-

vealed.

Field Day in the spring shows the prowess of the college athletes who do not pretend to rival their muscular colleagues at Harvard or Yale in making or breaking records, but they show how physical training can promote systematic development of limbs and muscles, making the movements graceful and their bearing erect. Very agile are the young collegians as they enter with spirit the long list of events—hurdle races, 100 yard dash, running high jump, fence vault and a dozen more. "The Circle," Vassar's athletic field, is alive with friends and undergraduates, no men being allowed upon the scene, who

field, is alive with friends and undergraduates, no men being allowed upon the scene, who cheer and sing and wave college or class colors, as the plucky winners take their laurels.

Basket-ball Day at Smith College is one of the greatest of athletic events in feminine college circles, also the "gym" is packed with faculty, a few fortunate visitors, and students who take possession of the gallery, freshmen and juniors on one side, sophomore and seniors on the other, armed with banners, pennants and gay streamers which they flourish with wildest enthusiasm, as the teams make good plays. The game is called for half past three o'clock, but nearly two hours before the long lines begin to form outside the two doors of the gymnasium waiting for them to open, as there are no reserved seats. As soon as the jolly crowd has made its way to the gallery, the winging begins the verses written by the singing begins, the verses written by mem-bers of the two younger classes set to popular airs, such as:

"We're here to beat you,
But not to cheat you,
We'll play a game that's truly fair
Yet of us you'd beat beware,
For you'll rue it
If you don't do it
For we're the class of old Smith College."

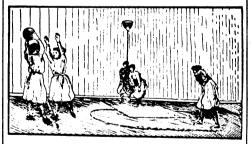
Or to the tune of "Pop Goes the Weasel" ran 1903 song:

"To the center flies the ball. How they jump to grasp it! Over now to Nineteen-Two Near to the Basket."

As President Seelye comes in, diplomatically wearing the colors of both contending classes, they greet him with: "Here's to you, President

"Here's to you, our warmest friend And we sing before this care forsaken company We sing before we part."

As each member of the faculty appears he or she is hailed with some appropriate musical lines and much clapping of hands. Then the



BASKET-BALL.

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There was a call for Holden, the bugler, and a moment later he appeared with his horn. Then, while the boys in blue gathered about the tent where the little sufferer was lying. Holden raised the bugle to his lips. He was very white and tears were blinding his eyes, but somehow he managed to play the pathetic little melody as he had never played it before,

in May prove quieter anniversaries when the students go off on long tramps or drive to pic-nic on neighboring Mount Tom, Nanotuck or Sugar Loaf and return at night tired but

happy.

Mount Holyoke College has a Mountain Day, too, when the whole household spends the hours adrift in the pretty country surrounding South Hadley, often forming parties to climb Mount Holyoke and visit the Notch on the road to Amherst College. The botany and geology students study specimens and formations, coming home laden with red leaves and berries and garlands of fluffy clematis which serve to decorate their rooms. serve to decorate their rooms.

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the friends of Bryn Mawr College out from Philadelphia in the fall to watch the fine work done by the four classes, but the out door basket ball contest in the spring is the notable occasion when all the college world troops out to the broad athletic field and exhibits a surto the broad athletic field and exhibits asurprising amount of interest. Songs and cries rend the air, class colors wave, and every one is as jolly and happy as possible. Ice cream, lemonade and other goodies are disposed of by energetic under-graduates for the benefit of the Athletic Association. A handsome silver cup is the trophy fought for; any class winning ft three times in succession becomes its permanent owner.

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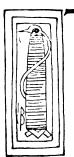
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Ancient Playing Cards.



HE origin of playing cards is shrouded in mystery. Where and by whom they were first invented it is impossible to state. They are supposed to have been brought to Europe from the Orient. An Italian record speaks of them as having come from the Saracens, who in turn were thought to have learned of them from the inhabitants of Hindustan. Some facsimiles of these

the Saracens, who in turn were thought to have learned of them from the inhabitants of Hindustan. Some facsimiles of these early Hindustan cards have been preserved, and are spoken of in an early record as being engraved on plates of ivory.

Playing cards are known to have been made in China from engraved blocks before they were known of in Europe. In other records their introduction into Europe has been attributed to the Moors, to the eastern Jews who traded on the shores of the Mediterranean, and to eastern gypsies, who made their appearance in Germany.

The earliest mention of playing cards in Europe is in a decree published in 1240, in which their use was prohibited by the clergy, though it is not sure that this game of "king and queen" mentioned was a real game of cards. In 1291 in Germany the Emperor Rudolph is described as amusing himself by playing cards. In the middle of the 15th century, cards are mentioned by a Dominican friar as having been introduced into Germany in 1300, and he moreover describes the game as "right deceitful."

In 1441 the senate of Venice issued a decree in which the business of making playing cards is described as falling into disuse on account of foreign competitors, and forbidding the importation of them. An old chronicle describes some playing cards made in Venice at about the time of this decree as printed on thick paper and elaborately gilded and decorated. Evidently the Venetian cards were much more expensive than those of German make, and it is known that at this time the town of Ulm in Germany had a large trade in cards with towns on the Mediterranean and Adriatic.

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meagre, and all the information has been gathered by authorities from casual references in old manuscripts. Cards may have been made in other European countries as early as they were in Italy and Germany, but of this we have no certain information. They were in common use in many parts of Europe at the beginning of the 15th century. In the British Museum is preserved a set of forty-eight playing cards, which were found printed on six sheets of paper, eight cards to a sheet, in the inner lining of an old book-cover which was made by some unknown printer before the year 1500. They are probably the oldest pack of cards in existence. Printed on cheap coarse paper, and rudely colored with a stencil in dull green and red, they were probably made to sell cheap to the common people, a fact still further shown by the rudeness of the engraver's work. (See illustration.)

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In a French romance written in 1328 there is a bit of poetry attending to the folly of games of dice, checkers and cards. Other writers claim 1350 and 1376 as the date of their introduction into France, but there is not much evidence confirming their statements. The first reliable mention of playing cards in France is found in an old account book of the year 1392 kept by the treasurer of Charles VI. in which fifty-six sols, or about \$30, are paid for three packs of cards "gilded, colored and ornamented with various designs," for the amusement of the king.

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Charles VI. had had his mind affected by sunstroke and these cards were provided to amuse him. In the National Library at Paris, seventeen of these cards are preserved but some authorities claim that the workmanship indicates a later date. Here also are preserved the relics of another pack of cards which were probably made during the reign of Charles VII. They are especially interesting. One of the queens is a representation of Marie of Anjou, while one of the kings is represented as a hairy savage, and is a reminder of a terrible accident that occurred during the reign of Charles VI. in 1392.

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A masquerade had been arranged in honor of the king, at which Charles VI. and five of his courtiers appeared as savages. They were dressed in tight-fitting suits of linen, covered with pitch and tow, and linked together with chains they danced in the ball-room. The Duke of Orleans, wishing to discover the identity of one of the maskers, held a torch too near and immediately his costume was a blaze. The king was rescued, but four of his companions were burned to death.

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However and wherever cards were invented they at once became extremely popular with all classes of society. The Duke of Milan, we are told, was accustomed to play with cards elaborately painted on ivory by renowned artists. Flemish nobles tempted fortune with cards accust on silver plates, while the comcards engraved on silver plates, while the common people of France and Spain, Italy and Germany, were all diverting themselves with greasy packs of cards printed or stencilled on

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The evil results of the game were at once noticed by the rulers and the church officers. In 1404 the clergy were forbidden to play cards. In 1323 St. Bernard preached against card games from the steps of St. Peter's church, and with such good effect that his hearers ran to their homes, and bringing forth all the cards, dice, and other gambling games that they owned, burned them in the public square. We are told that a maker of cards went to the saint in tears and said:

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"Father, I am a card-maker, and know no other trade. You have forbidden me to make cards and consequently have condemned me to

cards and consequently have condemned me to die of starvation."

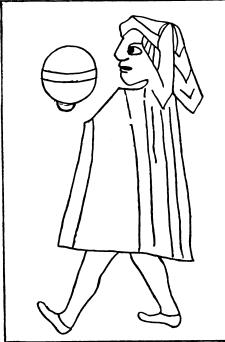
To this St. Bernard replied: "If you know how to paint, paint this image," showing him the figure of Christ with the monogram I. H. S. in a haio of glory. This the card-maker did, virtue had proper reward, and he became very wealthy, for religious prints were at that time bought as eagerly as playing cards.

Other monks and priests preached against playing cards but without other than temporary result, for by the end of the fifteenth century they were more popular than ever. The moralists then tried instead of abolishing the game to make it a means of instruction instead of a mere amusement. In an Italian

stead of a mere amusement. In an Italian library is preserved a pack of fifty engraved cards which bear the date 1485. It is divided into five suits of ten cards each. The first epresents the various conditions of men from the pope to the beggar, the second suit con- enterprise.

tains the nine muses, with Apollo added to tains the nine muses, with Apollo added to make up the proper number, the third illustrates the different branches of learning from grammar to theology, the fourth cardinal virtues such as justice and prudence; and the fifth the heavenly bodies.

Another pack of cards was made up to convey solemn religious truths in the form of a game of life and death, though we have no description of how this game was played. In the



PLAYING CARDS OF 15th CENTURY.

latter part of the fifteenth century, cards were made in Italy with figures representing the four great monarchies of the ancient world. Marks on these cards indicated the four classes of society; hearts for the clergy, spades (from the Italian word spada, a sword) for the nobles,

the Italian word spada, a sword) for the nobles, clubs for the peasants; and diamonds for the burghers or citizens.

A German professor in 1507 undertook to make use of playing cards for teaching high scholastic science and published a book explaining his game. The cards were piled with mysterious symbols intended as keys to the entire art of reasoning. German artists undertook to improve and modify the designs on playing cards, but though they produced handsome engravings they never became popular as the old designs. None of the innovations in cards, either in designs or ways of playing were popular. People then, as now played for amusement and not for instruction. The cards have come down to us practically

played for amusement and not for instruction. The cards have come down to us practically unchanged. Even the stiff conventional forms of drawing are still preferred by players.

Although playing-cards led to gambling, their general use was not an unmixed evil at the time of their introduction. They were a means of education to the common people at a means of education to the common people at a time when education was sorely needed. The average man of the Dark Ages could not have been persuaded to learn his letters, but was attracted by cards, and took the trouble to learn the games. In playing his mind was trained to a use of its reasoning faculties, and there must have been something of respect for written or printed symbols. This would naturally lead to a desire to know something of books, and in this way playing cards helped materially to awaken an interest in literature, which had lain dormant for 600 years.

Americans and Stratford-on-Avon.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



UR indolent and elderly landlady at Warwick said that she lived in Stratford-on-Avon until she was twenty-nine years old. So we asked her if she thought—as many do—that Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays. She said she didn't know and she didn't care. Nobody in Stratford minded an ything about anything about Shakespeare anyway until the Americans began to come across and make such a fuss

"Aouw," she would say, "but you don't want to bathe in 'ot water in 'ot weather, do you?"

The high shouldered and sniffy indifference to Shakespeare displayed by our Warwick landlady was in marked contrast to the feelings of the little woman in Stratford with whom we took lodgings a few days later. Had we breathed one word against the source of her inspiration—and income—I think she would have put us out of the house, bags and bag-gage, or rather, lugs and luggage, for no one has baggage in England.

We had not been long in Stratford before we declared the Warwick landlady to be right in one particular. However much the English love and reverence the memory of their great countryman, the Americans assuredly have done their part to make, as she said, a fuss

over him.

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Long ago our own Washington Irving wrote about Shakespeare and Stratford while sitting in the parlor of the Red Horse inn. His description has never be surpassed by later writers. The room where he wielded his pen is kept in the same order as on that night when he sat enthroned in the arm-chair with the is kept in the same order as on that night when he sat enthroned in the arm-chair with the poker for a sceptre. Since then, thousands of Americans have registered at the hotel and in the visitors' book at the church of Holy Trinity. They keep a separate book for Americans at the church and the verger knows where your name belongs as soon as you appear in the doorway. All vergers are equally wise. There is no need to wait for the tell-tale accent. They recognize the general air of our countrymen as far as their eye can reach.

More than one-fourth of the number of pilprims to Stratford are Americans and they have

More than one-fourth of the number of pilgrims to Stratford are Americans and they have made many substantial gifts to the town. One of these is the beautiful water fountain and clock tower shown in our initial illustration, erected in the jubilee reign of the late Queen Victoria. It is fifty feet high and has English and American emblems grouped together on the stone carvings. Shakespeare himself furnished the particularly appropriate inscriptions. One reads:
"Honest water which ne'er left man i' the mire."

"Honest water which ne'er left man i' the mire." Another is:

"In her day every man shall eat in safety "In her day every man shall eat in safety Under his own vine, what he plants; and sing The merry songs of peace to all his neighbors. God shall be truly known; and those about her From her shall read the perfect ways of honour And by those claim their greatness, not by blood."

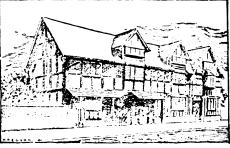
This is a very graceful quotation in reference to the fiftieth anniversary of the late Queen's reign. Many good things already have come to pass as it is written, but we still wait to hear the merry songs of peace among our neighbors—and ourselves.

-and ourselves.

In the church of Holy Trinity there are two stained glass windows given by Americans. The light from one falls over the grave where the epitaph reads:

"Good frende for Jesus sake forbeare
To digg the dust enclosed heare;
Bleste be ye man yt spares these stones
And curst be he yt moves my bones."

The bust of Shakespeare is placed in the wall above grave and epitaph. The face seems as free from furrowed thought lines as the head is destitute of hair—on top. Down in the Memorial library among the curios we saw a smooth, round, bald-headed egg. It was painted with the portrait of Shakespeare. On



BIRTHPLACE OF SHAKESPEARE.

it was written: "An eggsact likeness the most eggscellent in eggsistence." And so it is.
Since the death of Shakespeare, one change over him.

If you could have seen that landlady you would not think for a moment that she knew—or cared, either. Such a Dickensy old woman in an evil looking black wig with an evil looking black cat on her knee! Our life with her was one grand fight for hot water and clean towels.

eggscellent in eggsistence. And so the since the death of Shakespeare, one change after another has taken place in his portraits, the growth of hair and thought lines being especially noticeable. The bust in the niche, like the egg in the library, gives the impression of a happy-go-lucky Will, not the scholarly, elegant looking gentleman sometimes seen in the pictures of today.

The practical interest taken in the birthplace of Shakespeare by that energetic American, P. T. Barnum, resulted in lasting benefit to the English people. The great showman proposed to buy the Shakespeare house and set it up in America. Our English cousins at once bought

America. Our English cousins at once bought the place themselves, and gave it to their na-

If it had been taken to this country every nail and splinter would have been lugged away by relic hunters—so they tell us. Perhaps they are right. Certainly they have to keep a sharp lookout as it is. A very bare little place after all, with not so many mementoes as one would expect. The back garden was delightful; filled with pansies and wild thyme and the other flowers and shrubs that the great dramatist

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the prettiest of views is the church of Holy Trinity, with the river Avon flowing by. The spire rises above the trees whose branches dip spire rises above the trees whose branches dip into the water over the low stone wall. The sheep graze in the meadow opposite and the cows wander down to the water's edge to drink. Rest and quiet and peace are here—a typical English landscape.



HE first fire-engine we know anything about was mentioned about 150 B. C., in an ancient manuscript. The early Romans appear to have organized quite a fire-brigade to which they devoted considerable attention. In England, during the latter part of the sixteenth century, large brass syringes holding several quarts of water each, were used in fighting fire. As it required three men to work one of these and as they had to be refilled every few minutes, they must have been of doubtful value in case of fire.

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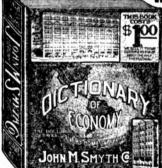
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E read how, back in the days when Rome was mistress of the world, the early Christians often worshiped of necessity in the Catacombs and in college that their in cellars, that their lives might not be paid as a penalty for their faith.

It will be news to

many people in the United States to know that there is a place in this country, twenty centuries after Rome, where religious services are held every Sunday in a subter-ranean room whose

low arched ceiling and walls of massive masonry resemble nothing so much as one of those old-time hiding places.

This underground church, though, is not designed as a place of concealment. It is the crypt—all that is finished yet—of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City, which, when it is completed, will be far and away the greatest church on the Eastern Continent.

tinent.

It has long been said that America has no cathedrals which begin to compare with those of Europe, and the charge is true. America has been too young a country. We have lived in too great haste. A really great cathedral cannot be built in a year. Although modern engineering might lay one on another the stones which compose the wall, it seems to me as if there must go into the building a feeling of reverence which can only come with time. The Episcopal Church proposes to build such a cathedral in New York. The work has been going on for four or five years, and the founda-

feet in width across the transepts. The greatest church in New York, up to this time, the superbly beautiful Catholic Cathedral on Fifth

church in New York, up to this time, the superbly beautiful Catholic Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, is less than half that size. The great central spire of the Cathedral will rise to a height of 445 feet. One Bunker Hill Monument could be set on top of another, and yet the pinnacle of the spire would overtop them. The grandeur of the completed structure will be greatly enhanced from its lofty site on that rocky ridge in the upper part of New York which separates the Harlem river from the Hudson. The site itself is visible from almost any part of the city. Imagine the effect of a church almost five hundred feet high in such a location. Its nearest neighbor is the beautiful building of St. Luke's Hospital. At only a little distance, on the other side, are the Grant Tomb and the magnificent dome-surmounted library of Columbia University.

All that has been completed of the work as yet is the foundation for the great central tower, one of the enormous central arches, and a portion of the foundations for the choir. Although it would look to the chance observer as if the site itself was solid rock, the weight of the walls of the structure will be so tremendous that it was necessary to go down in some places as far as seventy feet into the rock before a foundation was secured which was absolutely

that it was necessary to go down in some places as far as seventy feet into the rock before a foundation was secured which was absolutely satisfactory. The one arch which has been completed is 145 feet high. It is the biggest arch in the United States. Three others of equal arch in the United States. Three others of equal size will be built, forming with this a square. From the top of each of these, three smaller arches will spring, and on them the huge central spire will rest. The one arch now standing is wonderfully impressive, especially if one sees it from the city, late in the afternoon, outlined against a glowing western sky. All the stone work so far has been of massive gray grante but when the building is come.

gray granite, but when the building is com-pleted all of the stone work which shows now will be hidden. The interior of the building is to be lined with a light brown sandstone, rich in color and admitting of elaborate carving. The stone with which the exterior of the building will be covered has not yet been decided

a cathedral in New York. The work has been going on for four or five years, and the foundations are not all laid yet. It will be four or five years more before the first part of the building proper to be completed—the choir—will be so far advanced that services can be held in it. The time when the building of the great nave will be begun is not yet even predicted.

When the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is completed, it will be 520 feet long. Measure the length of a city block, or of the public square in a country town, and see what this means. St. Paul's, in London, is only five feet different in length from this. It will be 290

A contract was made with him to do the work and all through the summer when the Spanish War was being waged this man was at work on this ceiling, having for his helpers a company of Cubans whom he had brought to this country for that purpose because they understood the work.

Three services are held in the crypt each Sunday. Those in the morning and in the afternoon are the regular cathedral services. At 11 o'clock in the forenoon the Church of



CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

the Archangel holds service there. I have frequently attended the services. Underground as it is, few churches are so imposing. The crypt seats 440 persons. It has a superb pipe organ. The rough gray stone walls are hidden in some places by almost priceless tapestries brought from the Barerini Palace, in Italy.

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something of the feeling that St. John the Divine is to be not New York's alone, but the nation's—this woman is not even a resident of New York, but of Chicago.

The price paid for the chapel was \$50,000. Not all of it can be accommodated in the crypt at present, but when the foundations of the choir are completed, what is now the east end of the crypt is extended to the limit of the choir, and ample room will be afforded for all the material, each fragment of which is almost a jewel in itself.

The altar, a part of the original chapel—is of mosaic work in light colored stones set with gold. The material is cut and set in small square pieces, and there are 150,000 of these pieces in all. Just in the middle of the front of the altar is an elaborate circle, about eighteen inches in diameter. There are between 4,000 and 5,000 pieces in this one circle, and it took one man six weeks to make it. The background of arches behind this altar is of similar mosaics, but of darker stone. The design shows two peacocks upholding a crown.

The arches are upheld and flanked by twelve columns, set with the same dark mosaics, in cruciform design. There are 200,000 pieces of stone in the pillars. The reading desk and the baptismal font are of light stone and gold. Wherever gold is used it is set between two little squares of glass, to preserve it from the atmosphere. Set in this way it will never tar-

Wherever gold is used it is set between two little squares of glass, to preserve it from the atmosphere. Set in this way it will never tarnish. Three hanging lamps of indescribable richness and beauty are suspended where their rays are shed down on to the altar.

The part of the cathedral which is called the choir is shaped like a horseshoe. When this is complete it will seat 4,000 or 5,000 worshipers. The capacity of the whole cathedral, when completed, has never been estimated, so far as Laye learned. Around the choir and opening I have learned. Around the choir and opening from it, are to be built seven chapels, small in comparison with the rest of the building, but each one as large as a small church. It is said that services in seven different languages are to be held in them. The first of these to be completed will be the central one. This is to be called the Belmont Chapel, because a large sum of money has been given by a member of the famous New York family of that name to build this as a memorial.

build this as a memorial.

Too few people who go to New York City visit the cathedral of St. John the Divine. Hardly begun as the foundations are yet, the work is one of the most interesting sights not only in New York, but in America. The crypt is open to the public three afternoons in the week, with an attendant to explain the work, and visitors who cannot come upon the regular days can easily arrange with the attendant to be admitted at some other time.

If you go to New York, do not miss seeing the greatest church in America.

The Schley Court of Inquiry.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



man sometimes leaps into fame, or noto-riety, at one bound. Such seems to be the case of one Maclay, whose only title to fame, heretofore, was the fact that he held some civil position in the Brooklyn navy yard. It seems that he has been writing a history, and that the same was used in the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. When the third volume reat Annapolis. When the third volume re-cently appeared it was found to contain most

the third volume recently appeared it was found to contain most a duniral Schley, who fought the great sea fight by which Admiral Cervera's Spanish fleet was pounded into wrecks that actually have not even value as waste iron.

But before explaining the present Court of Inquiry let us take a brief glance at its cause. It is openly charged that the routine officials at the Navy Department rave for years formed an autocratic clique which has made or unmade naval officers at will. Favoritism, social relations and political pull have given favored positions to many, while conspicuous merit and bravery would go unrewarded unless the man would humiliate himself before this coterie of government clerks and society sailors. These very people banished, as they thought, George Dewey to China, only in reality to give him the opportunity to win Manila for America.

In fact this inner circle are said to have rewarded unsparingly those in their good graces, while independence of character and manliness seemed to provoke their antagonism. This state of affairs had grown worse and worse ever since the close of our Civil war up to the time of the Spanish war four years ago.

In the early days of the Spanish American war a fleet under Commodore Schley, known as the Flying Squadron, rendezvoused at Fortress Monroe. Meantime a very strong Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera had been dispatched from Spain on a secret mission, which was believed to be the destruction of an American city on the Atlantic coast. To cut a long story short, we all remember the great fight and how from that time the matter has developed. The story of the war was told in COMFORT at the time; and we will now only give the immediate cause and history of the present Court of Inquiry which was called to meet in Washington on September 12th.

It will be recalled that so on after naval operations were over friends

that soon after naval operations were over friends of the present rear admirals, Sampson and Schley, urged their respective claims to promo-tion with a great deal of warmth, and that action upon the advancement not only of the parties most prominent, but of their brother offi-



their brother officers entitled to promotion for bravery and excellent service was delayed in consequence. It is not necessary to more than allude to the deep feeling which has since developed, the events are so recent and so well known. Neither Sampson nor Schley had taken official cognizance of reports and even charges against their characters, and nearly three years elapsed before such action was taken. When, however, in the third volume of Maclay's "History of the Navy" passages occurred reflecting severely upon Rear Admiral Schley's conduct, he felt impelled to seek a vindication in the following letter to the secretary of the navy:

GREAT NECK, N. Y., July 22.1901.

SIR.—Within the last few days a series of press comments have been sent to me from various parts of the country of a book entitled "The History of the Navy," written by one Edgar Stanton Maclay. From these reviews it appears that this edition is a third volume of the said history, extended to include the war with Spain, which the first two volumes did not contain, and were in use as text-books at the Naval academy.

From excerpts quoted in some reviews, in which the page and paragraph are given, there is such perversion of facts, misconstruction of intention, such intemperate abuse and defamation of myself, which subjects Mr. Maclay to action in civil law. While I admit the right of fair criticism of every public officer, I must protest against the low flings and abusive language of this violent, partisan opponent, who has infused into the pages of his book so much of the malice of unfairness as to any reputable institution of the country.

book so much of the mainee of unfarriess as to make it unworthy the name of history or of use in any reputable institution of the country.

I have refrained heretofore from all comment upon the innuendoes of enemies muttered or murmured in secret and therefore with safety to themselves. I think the time has now come to take such action as may bring this entire matter under discussion under the clearer and calmer review of my brothers in arms, and to this end I ask such action at the hands of the department as it may deem best to accomplish this purpose.

But I would express the request in this connection that whatever the action may be it occur in Washington, where most of my papers and data are stored.

Very respectfully,

Very respectfully, W. S. SCHLEY, Rear Admiral, U. S. N.

His request was promptly granted, as appears by Sec-retary Long's re-

NAVY DEPART-MENT, WASHINGTON, July 24, 1901. Sir.—I am in re-ceipt of yours of the 22d inst. with re-ference to the criti-

cisms upon you in connection with the

Spanish-American war, and heartily approve of your action under the circumstances in asking at the hands of this department such action as may bring this entire matter under discussion "under the clearer and calmer review of my brothers in arms."

ADMIRAL SAMPSON.

The department will at once proceed in accordance with your request. Very respectfully,

John D. Long.

The objectionable paragraphs in Maclay's "History of the Navy" are as follows:

"History of the Navy" are as follows:

Schley, on May 28, 1898, sullied this brightest of American mottoes by penning, "Much to be regretted cannot obey orders" and turned in caitiff flight from the danger spot toward which duty, honor and the whole American people were most earnestly urging him.

Viewed in whatever light it may be, the foregoing dispatch cannot be characterized otherwise than as being, without exception, the most humiliating, cowardly and lamentable report ever penned by an American naval officer.

And further:

In his report about the coal supply of the vessels under his command Schley exhibited a timidity either amounting to absolute cowardice or a pre-varication of facts that were intrinsically false-

varication of facts that were intrinsically false-hoods.

The coal supply of his squadron, so far from being meager, as Schley reported, is shown by the respective logs of those ships, as indicated at noon May 27, to have been most satisfactory.

Here, then, we have the humiliating spectacle of an American naval officer of high rank, having each and every one of his fighting ships with more than three days' coal supply aboard, with a collier laden with 4,000 tons of coal, reporting, at a moment when the greatest crisis of the war was at hand, that "as the prospect did not seem favorable for replenishing the meager coal supply of the larger vessels, the squadron stood to the westward," or away from the point the whole United States was most fervently praying and urging him to reach.

Soon after the fiasco with the Eagle Schley found another pretext for delay in the collier Merrimac, which embarrassed the movements of the squadron by breaking her intermediate pressure valve stem and cracking her stuffing box. "This," reported the commodore, "was a source of considerable anxiety, as, with the weather conditions that prevailed since leaving Cienfuegos, it appeared absolutely necessary to abandon the position off Santiago and seek a place where the vessels could be coaled and the collier's machinery repaired."

This excuse, like the surf off Cienfuegos, which Schley deemed too strong for American naval valor to surmount, and the "rain and rough weather" which delayed the run to Santiago, was soon shown to be groundless, for the energetic engineers of the Merrimac soon repaired the damage.

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The one great lesson that Nelson gave in naval strategy was that a captain is never out of position when alongside an enemy. Farragut's great axiom 60 years later, was that "the nearer you get to your enemy the harder you can strike."

Schley's contribution to naval strategy, as too plainly shown by his conduct throughout this campaign, was, "Avoid your enemy as long as possible, and if he makes for you, run."

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The reader has doubtless already formed his own opinion regarding Rear Admiral Schley's conduct in the war and, what is made the most of by Schley's critics, the famous "loop" of the Brooklyn in entering the race against the Spanish warships—which is explained by his friends as a technical manœuver warranted by the exigencies of the moment. The whole matter for examination is summed up in Secretary Long's "precept" issued to the court of inquiry, which contains ten counts that will clearly explain the case in controversy, particularly if read in connection with the resume of operations leading up to and before Santiago.

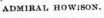
The court is composed of Admirals Dewey, Howison and Benham. Schley's friends object somewhat to Howison. Captain Lemly, as Judge Advocate, General of the Navy, acts as prosecuting officer, while a large array of legal talent protect the interests of many interested officers.

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While it is to be regretted that such a victory While it is to be regretted that such a victory should in the end arouse an unseemly quarrel as this is, it is a good thing that a public trial will bring out the many facts and effectually break up the system of rank favoritism which has existed in the navy. Some questions may remain open; but the rule of petty clerks clad in brief authority, to the detriment of the best interes ts of the officers and of the navy itself, will be abolished.

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In closing, Com-FORT would call tne attention of tne attention of readers to a conspicuous fact apparent to all. There has been too much talk; too much newspaper interviewing by many interested. To such the nation may well point with pride to the one of the few real veloped. We refer



heroes the Spanish war developed. We refer to Captain Clark. His bringing of the Oregon from the Northern Pacific to Cuban waters will rank as the most wonderful achievement in naval history, and the part of the ship and the captain in the battle were worthy of both; since then he has attended to business and kept his mouth shut. His great performance has had no adequate recognition or reward, but he has made no kick and will make none. His testimony at the Schley inquiry will be awaited with much interest for he is the kind of man upon whose word the courtand country

awaited with much interest for he is the kind of man upon whose word the court and country will base the verdict.

The first session of this historic inquiry was held in Washington, as originally planned, on September 12th. A large concourse of spectators was present and much interest was manifested by the people there. Almost the first thing after convening the court was the formal objection to Admiral Howison, not as as man; but as having expressed biased opinions. After hearing four witnesses and allowing the Admiral a statement, the remaining members of the board allowed him to retire. At closing writing the funeral obsequies of the late President are being held and the Secretary of the Navy has made no nomination to the vacancy. Navy has made no nomination to the vacancy.

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Madagascar's Silk Spider's Web.

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HREE hundred miles

HREE hundred miles from the coast of Africa lies the large island of Madagascar. It is really a small continent with a government, people, and speech of its own. Extending for a thousand miles from north to south and three hundred and fifty from east to west, its surface is diversified by broad plains and high mountains, while its seacoast is sheltered by coral reefs and lagoons of fresh water. The people of Madagascar are far in advance of most of the natives of the Malayan islands, although we find that in feature and custom and language they resemble the Pacific Islanders more closely than the people of Africa, who are much more easily accessible to them.

The island is less known than would be expected when one realizes that for a thousand years Arab merchants have traded with the Malagash tribes. It is a comparatively short time since a correct map of the country was made and even now much of the interior is unexplored.

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In the early part of this century a king arose among the Malagashy who was a man far ahead of his times and his people. He united the scattered tribes into a nation and instiffed into them the necessity of adopting modern methods and European ideas if they would preserve their nationality.

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By means of a treaty with England he obtained arms and ammunition and raised an army which now numbers forty thousand men. Trade was encouraged and modes of living were improved so that the cities of the island are not without a semblance to European cities. Missionaries established schools in the island and education has flourished among a people who were naturally bright and ready to learn.

The women of the island have always been very clever in the making of cloth, using the most primitive appliances for weaving the fibers of aloe, palm or banana into clegant patterns. With such training it is not at all surprising that the Malagash women have been found so well adapted to the new work of spinning the silk from the silk-producing spider or "Halabe."

That silk was produced by certain spiders has long been known and many attempts have been made to use the silk after it was spun into webs. The Malagash women have done this for centuries, but the cloth thus produced was rough and uneven and of no commercial value. It was through the ingenuity of a missionary in the island, Father Cambone, that a new process has been employed. The father conceived the idea of compelling the spider to spin his thread in a long line which could be used, instead of in a tangled web. He constructed a small box, in which he confined his arachnid, and then by touching the abdomen with his finger he was able to draw forth the long silken threads which might easily be woven into cloth. This idea was taken and enlarged upon by the Professional School at Antananrivo, where the process is being perfected.

The Halabi is very hard to reproduce for the female is exceedingly ferocious and in nine cases out of ten, eats the male when he attempts to approach her. The spiders are caught and brought from the country in boxes made of bails or rushes. They are then placed each in a separate compartment of an upright frame. Each compartment represents the small box of

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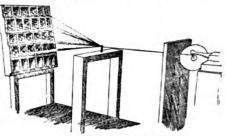
the reverend father and it is so arranged that the abdomen of the spider is the exposed part and the insect is held firmly with its legs turned back out of the way. A Malagash girl now approaches the frame (which contains about two dozen spiders) and touching the abdomen of each spider carries the twenty-four tiny threads to a point in front of the frame where they are joined and reeled off upon spools or bobbins ready for weaving. When all the thread has been taken the spiders are released quite uninjured by the operation, and after a few days are submitted to another reeling. Great care has to be taken that in this stage of resting the spiders do not devour one another. By giving them ample food and keeping them in an open space where exercise is possible this difficulty is somewhat reduced, yet it remains a most serious obstacle in the process of this silk manufacture.

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DRAWING THE SILK.

with many if this spider's silk will not replace that of the silk worm; but there are many arguments against it. First the spiders are less easily managed than the slow moving silk worm; then it is not as easily reproduced; it is not found in so various climates and localities as the silk worm.

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I have been reading Browning, and this month, instead of opening our chat with my own remarks, I propose to give you a few of his words that you may enjoy them with me. He says:

me. He says:
"I trust in Nature for the stable laws
Of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant
And Autumn garner to the end of time.
I trust in God—the right shall be the right
And other than the wrong, while he endures."

"God's in his heaven; All's right with the world."

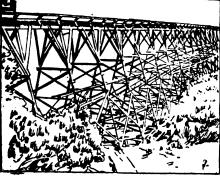
"I see my way as birds their trackless way. I shall arrive—what time, what circuit first,

I ask not—.
In some time, in his good time, I shall arrive;
He guides me and the bird. In his good time."
Our first letter this month is from California, and shows us one of the marvelous feats of man in overcoming the difficulties of nature.

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"Taken from a picturesque as well as material standpoint the Madera flume, the longest one in the world, may be classed as the sightliest adjunct to one of the greatest industries of the West—that of lumbering. Situated as it is in the midst of the isolated grandeur of California's finest hills there awaits the visitor to this flume all that is sublime in the way of mountain scenery and the gentler forms of nature and that which is suggestive of the endurance and ambition of man.

"For almost sixty miles this flume traverses the hills and spans the ravines, covering in its onward course portions of the earth impassable to animals and over which the lumber for its construction had to be carried upon the backs of men. There is quite a section of this flume that has a grade of thirty-six inches to the sixteen feet, and to appreciate



Numerous antiquities and curiosities gathered from old buildings and ruins in the vicinity are built into the house. Among them is the door of the old prison in Edinburg—the Heart of Midbhan—and several fragments from Melrose Abbey.

"Not only is Abbotsford interesting from being the home of Scott, but it is a perfect museum of relies identified with Scottish history. All around the different clans of the Border. Here too, as well as in the armory, are a great number of weapons of bastlefields; axes, broad swords, maces, a claymore used by a soldier under "Bonnie Prince Charlie," and a pair of pistols found in Napoleon's carriage after the battle of Waterloo. In the dining-room are portraits of Cromwell, Charles XII. and other historical subjects, while at one end is a ghastly picture of the head of Mary, Queen of Scots, after decapitation.

"But he for the most interesting rooms to use the form of Scots, after decapitation.

"But how the water came so suddenly in upon them is the doctor's wife was at a table death. As the uncle hurled a spear at the young chief hurled a spear at the young with option of him, thinking to save his life by the sacrifce of her own, but the sacrifice of her own, but the save ride of her own, but the save rail in from heing the high strong that the child and the young chief perished by the sacrifice of her own, but the save ride of her own, but the strong his his by one of her own, but the save ride and milk with oyster salad and meat croquets served up.

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"But by far the most interesting rooms to us at bbotsford were the library and study. We came to these rooms with a reverential feeling, for here was that most of those wonderful romances which e had all experienced such delight in reading, ad been written. We saw even the very writing the and chair that Scott used while at work, and and chair that Scott used while at work, and by were the reference books of which he made nt use. There were some twenty thousand es in the library and such works as you would. Scott to have collected. Here were also curiosities; two beautiful carved ebony



chairs, the gift of George IV., two other chairs presented by the Pope, Marie Antoinette's clock, a piece of Robert Burns' coffin, and, last but not least, Rob Roy's gun. We had a boy in our party and that latter curiosity was to him more interesting than all the other treasures to be seen at Abbotsford. In a glass case in the study was the unpretentious suit of clothes last worn by Scott. By the side of them were his walking stick and pipe.

"As we sauntered about the grounds after leaving the house we were reminded of the charming description given by our Washington Irving of his visit to Abbotsford; of his walks and talks with Scott, and the delightful home life he found there. We continued to speak of this as we drove away from Abbotsford, carrying with us Irving's regrets that Scott could not have contented himself with the modest house he first built on this spot, and not have enlarged it into a palace, which in the end lost for him his fortune which he had worked so many years to gain."

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"Santa Cruz county is on the coast line of California about half way between the Oregon and lower California lines. Its northern boundary is about thirty-seven degrees north latitude. Its length is about forty miles, its average width about thirteen miles. The county, like the state, which it resembles in shape, lies in the same general direction as the coast line and mountain range. Its surface is greatly diversified and therefore adapted to the many pursuits of man. Its climate is equable, there being but little frost or snow in winter, and the ocean breezes and fogs overruling the summer heat. On the east the Santa Cruz mountains, a low but beautiful range, present to the orchardist and vineyardist a most admirable opportunity to ply their trade. There are still a good many red-wood trees although the best have been sawn into lumber. Our fencing, too, is principally red-wood pickets and barbed wire. There are two rivers, the Pajaro on the southern boundary, and the San Lorenzo in the northern part. Santa Cruz, the county seat, is situated at the mouth of the latter river. It has a population of about eight thousand and is a health resort of considerable note. The business portion is almost shut in by the surrounding hills and consequently sheltered from winds, especially 'northers'. It is also the site of one of the old Franciscan Missions established over a hundred years ago. Its highest temperature is eighty-eight degrees; its lowest twenty-three degrees below zero. Many inland places are much warmer. It has good public schools, Business College, Catholic Seminary for young ladies, churches of all denominations, banks, etc. There are several minor towns, but Watsonville, at the lower extremity of the county, is the only other incorporated city. At the last election (Nov.) an amendmentwas passed closing all saloons outside of incorporated cities. Mostly all land is arable, but hesouthern parts are far more

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"How the water came so suddenly in upon them I have never learned, but tradition has it that the warriors who loved the young chief and who wished to revenge themselves for his death turned the waters of a mountain stream into the valley with the intention of causing the destruction of his murderers."

MRS. F. A. MITCHELL, Montezuma, Colorado.

Here is a letter which has not carried out the

Here is a letter which has not carried out the conditions attached to the prize contests of this page, so it wins no prize, but it is, nevertheless, very enjoyable.

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"Are you always glad to welcome sunshiny days in mid-winter and do you enjoy gazing upon verdant meadows from snow-capped mountains? If so you will enjoy my letter upon the Yukon river.

"This river is about two thousand miles long and is divided into three distinct parts,—the Upper Yukon, which extends from the source to Fort Selkirk, five hundred miles away, where it is joined by the Pelly river. The Middle Yukon occupies another five hundred miles, reaching up to old Fort Yukon, where it is joined by the Rat or Porcupine river. The longest division is that known as the Lower Yukon, which stretches from Fort Yukon to its many mouths in Bering Sea and Norton Sound. This division measures about one thousand miles.

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"There are four passes known to the Indians between the salt water and the sources of the Yukon of which the one by Lynn Channel and Chilkoot Inlet is the best. Chilkoot Inlet has much more the appearance of a large river than of a salt water estuary, flanked as it is on either side by precipitous mountains covered nearly to their tops with a thick growth of spruce and pine, and capped with white glacier ice.

"After clearing Chilkoot Inlet and the swift waters of the Daguay one pauses in wonder at the foot of Perrier Pass. Nothing is now to be done but to shoulder our load and climb to the top, some thirty-five hundred feet above us, constantly cautious lest one mis-step hurl us from the frozen heights to be dashed to pieces in the awful chasms below.

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"Beyond Perrier Pass we find Lake Lindeman, a beautiful sheet of water about ten or twelve miles in length, whose shores in June are covered with wild flowers of remarkable beauty. After running along through a countless host of such lakes one beholds at last in the distance the blackened chimneys of Fort Selkirk.

Mamie B. Sandider, Nelson, Mo.

Amanda Hayden, of Graphiteville, N. C., does not make her wishes clear to me. Will she not write again and explain more fully what book it is which she desires?

The following letter was sent me in July last, and as the present number of our Chats was prepared in August my readers must imagine themselves for the moment, back in last summer's heats. Our correspondent says:

"At this season of the year, when fans are on the move and the ice-man finds himself suddenly popular, a trip into the country, where cool shades and in vigor at in g breezes await all comers its very inviting; so just now I wish to tell the country of the prettiest parts of Virginia.

Four of us, students of the Washington and Lee University, started out for a day in the woods. A drive of some fifty miles lay before us. The first and most important point of interest was the beautiful Goshen Pass, where the head waters of the James break through the Alleghanies. The drive along the banks of the stream, with tall mountain cliffs rising on either hand, now almost perpendicular for a hundred or more feet, now sloping away toward the clear blue sky, and now breaking into caves with countless overhanging rocks, mountain streams leaping over cliffs and forming miniature falls, made up a landscape which was simply grand, while laurel and rhododendron covered the mountain sides with richest bloom. The Pass is four miles in length, and is filled from end to end with wonderful freaks of nature.

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nature. "After decorating our carriage with the laurel blooms a rapid drive brought us to the little village of Goshen where a good dinner and two hours of rest fitted us to enjoy the remainder of the ride. Rockbridge Alums was the next place visited. This fine old summer resort is set deep back in the recesses of the mountains, but surely it was not born to blush unseen', for 'footprints' are found on 'the sands of time' telling of the march of civilization even in this lonely place, and its many and fashionable visitors testify to its present popularity as a summer resort.

ularity as a summer resort.
"The long shadows of the locust and maple trees warn us of evening's approach, the signboard by the roadside tells us that it is 'Four miles to Lex-



asleep.

"By and by Willie grew out of the habit of whining; and one night the Doctor took him home and landed him on the attic stairs where he had taken him up. Willie never whined after this, but he always remembered the Frog-Eyed Doctor, and his trip to his house, which, after all, might have been a dream."

CARRIE S. STRWART, Boston, Mass.

CARRIE S. STEWART, Boston, Mass.

A consin from Hyco, Virginia, writes me a long letter for which I thank her and will give my readers a bit from its opening, because it will be appreciated by those who have spent weeks tossing on "the briny deep."

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MRS. LUCIE COLE, Hyco, Va.

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And now my lap is empty of letters and so we must turn our backs upon each other and attend each to his or her own affairs until the bleak winds of November whistle a call to us to again assemble for a talk. Until then, goodby.

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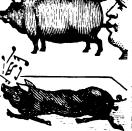
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Little Prince Edward.

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T was the time for the changing of the guard in front of St. James Palace, London, and a crowd had gathered around the Color Court where the cere-mony was to take

On top of the high brick wall of Marl-borough House just opposite, stood a little boy in sailor suit of

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HEIR TO ENGLAND'S THRONE.

for a longer period than at any former time for a longer period than at any former time and his court became the most splendid in Europe. This Edward delighted in deeds of chivalry and reveled in jousts and tournaments. The beautiful stories of King Arthur were in

The beautiful stories of King Arthur were in his mind and he planned to revive the noble knighthood of the Round Table. While he was thinking about it an incident occurred that gave him a name for his order.

There was a ball at which the Countess of Salisbury was present. The Countess dropped her garter. Then some of the courtiers who knew not King Arthur and the noble manners of the Knights of the Round Table, laughed. The king, seeing this, picked up the garter and of the Knights of the Round Table, laughed. The king, seeing this, picked up the garter and buckled it about his knee, saying as he did so, "H mi soit qui mal y pense"—evil to him who evil thinks—adding in further rebuke, that his courtiers should soon see a garter held in such high regard as to account themselves fortunate indeed if allowed to wear it. The garter, which is blue, having the king's words as a motto worked upon it in gold thread is the name-gift of the third Edward to his little namesake, for the chivalrous king at once established the Order of the Garter, and the sovereigns of England together with those whom they deem worthy, can wear the badge.

This ruler had a son, also named Edward, and they called him the Black Prince because of his armor. He was never king for he died before his father, but they fought together and won renown. Once at the battle of Crecy—against the French—the prince, when sixteen years of age, was sorely pressed, and messengers rode to the king bearing word that he should reinforce his son.

"Is my son killed?" asked the king.

"No, sire."
"Is he wounded?"

"No, sire."
"Then tell them that sent you, he shall have no help from me. Let the boy win his spurs."
This answer long ago passed into a proverb.
Though a king by right of birth it was nevertheless necessary for the Black Prince to "win big spurs."

theless necessary for the Black Prince to "win his spurs."

The same words ring down through the years to a little boy in sailor suit of blue, standing with his attention on the high brick wall of Marlborough House. A new century with its infinite possibilities has dawned on the horizon. "Let the boy win his spurs."

Though a prince of royal blood this little Edward has his world to conquer as it has been conquered many times before. Not by din of battle and crash of arms, not by inherited greatness and precious name-gifts from early kings, but by a life well lived, by duties well performed, by a deep sense of the responsibilities of the state whereunto God has called him, must he conquer like every other boy throughmust he conquer like every other boy through-out the wide, wide world, and, like them in the higher meaning must he too, "win his spurs."

The Greek Slave.

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HESE homely, almost rugged features and deep set eyes belong to the man who startled the world

features and deep set eyes belong to the man who startled the world of civilization in 1843 with the "Greek Slave." Hiram Powers, born in Woodstock, Vermont, was less than forty years old when he gave to man kind his masterpiece. The wonderful figure in marble of the nude, shrinking young wo man, the man acles still clinging to her wrist, was hailed throughout civilization as the most remarkable contribution to the art of sculpture since Canova. That the sculptor was an American only added to his fame and that of his work. Brought to America not long after the production in Florence, the "Greek Slave" was exhibited to large enthusiastic crowds in all the principal cities of this country. Copies of it were ordered by rich Americans and foreign noblemen, and the sculptor grew rich on the profits of this work alone. But the intervening years had been the usual story of long and tedious struggle. Born in 1805, Hiram Powers was taken by his parents to Cincinnati then in the far west, where they settled when he was about ten years of age. Here he grew up to manhood, a tall, awkward youth with a wonderful pair of glowing, earnest eyes to distinguish him from the common herd. There was not much else remarkable about him. He got very little education and did odd jobs of every sort for a living till he grew to manhood. Then his originality and genius seemed to bloom all of a sudden. For a local museum, the principal place of entertainment in the future metropolis at that period, he conceived the plan of a set of wax figures representing the inhabitants of the Infernal Regions as delineated by Dante in his immortal poem. The audacious venture, which seems to have been the suggestion of Mrs. Trollope, the celebrated Englishwoman then living in Cincinnati, and who wrote the first widely read book on American Life and Manners, was a great success from the start. Encouraged by this proof of his talents as a modeler Powers went to Washington a year or two later, where he constructed a revolving jet. Areau, or fountain, for the

the most part to strenuous labor at such orders for a living. Every spare moment of his time, however, was devoted to imaginative work, the germ of which was laid in the wax figures in the Cincinnati museum.

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in the Cincinnati museum.

In the art capital of the old world, surrounded by the master works of ncient sculpture, his mind became clarified and finally, after three years' residence abroad, he startled the world with the Greek Slave. This statue is founded on the purest models of antiquity, and the world hailed it as though a new Praxiteles had come again. It was an hour of wonderful triumph, both for the sculptor and his native land, which had not up to this time, produced one single great work of sculpture. The original was bought by A. T. Stewart, the New York merchant prince.

The artist's position was now assured and his life was henceforth an easy one. He had, in fact, won greater fame than any sculptor since Canova at a single stroke. The prices he obtained for busts and decorative pieces as well as replicas of his masterpiece made him independent and enabled him to enjoy the decline of life honored and admired by all who knew him, in peace and comfort.

His ideal genius was very largely dedicated to his native country, and although he spent the remainder of his days in Italy, he produced a number of striking American works. Among these are his Statue of Washington, The Fisher Boy, America, Ave Disconsolate, and The Last of the Tribes.

Boy, America, Ave Disconsolate, and The Last of the Tribes.

Notwithstanding his great fame he remained Notwithstanding his great land he remained a typical, shrewd, plain Yankee to the end of his days, and it is related of him that when his wrife was receiving visitors on stated occasions in their elegant home in Florence, he could have and br. Haig will be glad to send you a trial package of the remedy free. Do not delay.



only be found in his studio with his cap and apron on. He died in Florence in 1873, at the apron on. He died in Florence in 1873, at the age of sixty-eight, having suffered from declining health less than six months previous to

The America Cup.



HE America Cup, that famous trophy for the possession of which the international yacht races are held every year was originally offered by the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes in 1851. The race was to be open to yachts of all nations. The American yacht America was the only representative of a foreign country entering the races and was successful in winning the race by a generous mar-

eign country entering the races and was successful in winning the race by a generous margin. The trophy thus won was presented by the owners of the America to the New York Yacht Club, with the condition that it was to be always "a challenge cup for friendly competition between foreign countries."

Equine Millinery.



HE terrible hot weather that has afflicted the whole country this summer has proved especially hard upon horses; more particularly horses that are obliged to work hard in the sun all day. Somebody has invented a hat which thousands of the horses in the big cities are wearing with a great deal of comfort. Certainly it seems to be a most humane invention, and

the horses in the big cities are wearing with a great deal of comfort. Certainly it seems to be a most humane invention, and while it has furnished columns of matter for the newspaper funny man, there is no doubt but what it has saved the lives of many valuable horses this summer. Most drivers place a wet sponge in the crown of the horse's hat, which by the way is an ordinary straw hat such as hay-makers wear, except that holes are made on each side of the crown for the horses' ears to pass through. The bonnet strings are either fastened coquettishly under the chin or more prosaically fastened to the bridle. Lately there seems to be some attempt at decoration, as several hats have been noticed trimmed with paper roses, artificial violets and other flowers. The horses of a famous Boston brewery wear picture hats with a large quill stuck in each, bearing in prominent letters the motto of the enterprising firm. The Humane Society have been much interested in these hats for horses and has given away thousands to drivers this summer.

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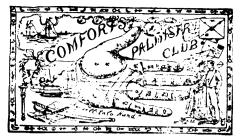


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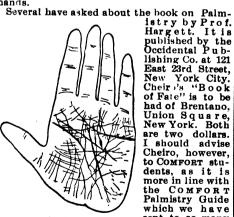
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HERE are always a good many questions for me to answer and I am always glad to get them; only you must not go too far and try to get a full reading of your hands in answer to questions, for it is impossible to give you a correct one. I once got myself into a funny scrape and through these columns too. Bomeone sent impressions and signed only initials. The handwriting was like a man's and the hand was masculine in appearance, on paper at least. Consequently I read the hands under the nom de plume sent and supposed everything was all right. A year or so later I received a very wrathy letter from a lady who resides, well, on this earth, not to be too explicit; she was furious because she had, as she claimed, sent the impressions and the proper amount of money with the necessary subscribers, and had never been able to get a reading. Now I keep a close record of all the impressions read and on looking up this lady. I found that I had given her the reading, but spoken of the hand as "his" and called the owner a man in several instances, all of which was published here. She read it doubtless, but naturally did not recognize it. As I have asked over and over again that senders of impressions will state their sex or at least indicate it, I do not consider that! was in fault if I read a masculine hand as a man's especially as I was not told that it belonged to

or at least indicate it, I do not consider that. Was in fault if I read a masculine hand as a man's especially as I was not told that it belonged to a woman. This demonstrates the science, I maintain, for I must read a hand as it appears to me and if the sender does not intimate his or her sex I can only guess at it from his hand.

A subscriber asks the meaning of certain positions and branching of the fate line. Any forking of the fate line, if the branches run upward towards a mount and are clear and unbroken, means that there will be a turn of the life of fate or business at the age indicated by the fate line where the branch leaves it and the new venture will partake of the qualities of the mount towards which it ascends; thus, a good strong branch leaving the fate line just before the head line and going to the mount of Jupiter will mean that the subject adopts some new profession or calling at the age of thirty new profession or calling at the age of thirty or thereabouts and will realize his ambitions. therein. Of course this should appear in both



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world over. Another reader asks shout the Alumbia Another reader asks about the Alumbia Scientific Academy which is supposed to teach palmistry somewhere in New York. I have never heard of it. There are a good many "fakes" in the palmistry business, just as in all other things, and I would not advise the members of this club to be duped by any of them if they can help it. them if they can help it.

"A. B. C," says "I want you to read my hand exactly as you see it; don't be afraid to tell the worst that you see." Others have written the worst that you see." Others have written the same thing and when I have complied, for I have had some very bad hands as well as some very good ones to read here, they have taken offence at my reading and written to explain that I know nothing of palmistry. Now I shall tell all I see in "A. B. C.'s" hand and take him at his most when he save he wants it.

at his word when he says he wants it.

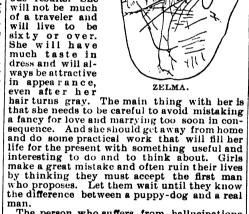
"A. B. C." then has a hand in which the good and ill are not evenly divided. There are some excellent readings there; for instance, he has a fine, long fate line which promises a good busi-

ness career; but the hollow mount of Apollo, which is the mount of riches shows that he will never become wealthy and the many deep cross lines on the fate line show that he will have to fight adversity all the way. I think he will gain a moderate competence in the end. He is very ambitious as is shown by the line running from the life line to the mount of Juvier but be will. the line running from the life line to the mount of Jupiter but he will not fully realize all he desires. He will not live to be much over fifty and will leave his affairs in a complicated condition. He will leave a widow and probably some children, but he will have been very happy in his married life. He will be one of those men, and we all know plenty of them, who strive hard all their lives; who seem to have every chance to make money and get on who strive hard all their lives; who seem to have every chance to make money and get on in life, and yet they don't. Some adverse fate seems to hang over them and just as the apple of fate is about to drop into their mouths, off it goes elsewhere. This man will have an upright character and a pretty good disposition but has a nervous temperament and there are so many cross lines indicating petty trials and disappointments, that he will be a trifle, just a trifle difficult to get along with. He will have a severe disappointment in his love affairs early in life but will get over it and will live to rejoice that fate saved him for the one he finally marries. And he will always be a great favorite with the opposite sex. His health will be fairly good but his constitution is not naturally strong.

strong.
"Zelma" does not obey the rules about send-"Zelma" does not obey the rules about sending smoked paper impressions and I have only pen-drawings instead; but they seem to be carefully done and I will do the best I can with them. I only ask that she will remember what I have often said, that it is impossible to give a perfect and exact reading from a pen or pencil drawing. Zelma is a girl that is hampered by her relatives; they dictate to her and find fault with her and repeat gossip to annoy her. She would be happier to get something to do and go away from home where she can live her own life and do her best without interference from those who do not understand her or apfrom those who do not understand her or appreciate her motives. She would succeed as a typewriter, or if she has had sufficient education in music, as a teacher of music. She is very attractive to the opposite sex and will have a number of admirers before she is really settled in life. She needs to be careful show. have a number of admirers before she is really settled in life. She needs to be careful about marrying too soon or taking up with the first man who offers himself. She lacks a little the perseverance and energy that would lead her to strike out and make her own way; if she can bring herself to do this, she will succeed finally and be much happier in the end.

She has an imaginative temperament and a nervous disposition but she is affectionate and will make the right man, who will appear when she is about twenty-five, an excellent wife. Her married life will not last over fifteen years and she will out-

and she will out-live her husband some twenty or more years. She more years. She will make an excellent house-keeper and is quite domestic in her tastes. She will be inclined to headaches or brain troubles but with no serious results. She will not be much of a traveler and will live to be sixty or over. She will have much taste in dress and will always be attractive in appearance,



man.

The person who suffers from hallucinations The person who suffers from hallucinations has a long mount of Luna, well developed; he will have a long second finger and a hollow hand with soft palm and tapering fingers, rather a pretty hand to look at. The first phalanx of the thumb will be short and will lack character every way. If he has a very broad hand with bad lines look out for him; he will perhaps be a dangerous character. "Jennie" wants to know if the bracelets at the bottom of the hand, at the wrist, are important. I pay no heed to them, although some palmists claim that the length and even the state of happiness and amount of trouble one is to undergo is written there. I do not believe it, however.

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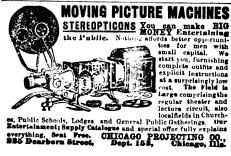
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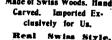
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The yacht races seem destined to accomplish at least one result between the two great Engligh speaking nations. The Irish baronet has made such persistent use of the phrase "lift the cup" that the term "lift" may be transferred from the vernacular of crookdom to polite phraseology. Everyone knows that the English call an elevator a "lift." Hereafter the verbal and substantial forms of "lift" will mean simply "to win."

The Goddess of Chance has rarely assembled her devotees in such great numbers as the thousands who watched the drawing of the Oklahoma lots. The wheel whirled before a vast crowd who listened eagerly to the announcement of winners. Some lots drawn were worth from \$20,000 to \$40,000. One of the richest prizes was drawn by a young woman who had been a telephone operator. It was perhaps the best method of distribution in view of the fact that thousands had made application for the land and there could be no weighing of individual claims.

The women on American farms have shown great industry in the construction of homemade rugs and carpets. The result is a monument to patience and perseverance but a violation of all sense of beauty or artistic feeling. Among the exhibits at the Pan American were some rugs of native manufacture that combined utility with beauty. A woman of strong artistic sense made a study of the matter and with the aid of the women in the small villages and on some of the farms in Maine, has produced a rug which will command a good price in a city market. The native yarn in shades of dark blue and the background of the rugs is made from this with designs in white. The yarn is tied into a firm foundation and then cut. The surface has something of the appearance of an Oriental rug. A profitable home industry could be maintained by the manufacture of these rugs

The first convention held in this country in the interest of good roads is the International Congress for Good Roads which has just closed its session in Buffalo. A national good roads train carried to Buffalo all the latest machinery for the improvement of roads. The greatest experts on road building from the United States and from foreign nations spoke at this congress. During the summer the national good roads train visited sixteen different cities in five states and gave simple practical demonstrations of the best methods of road making. Over eighty miles of earth roads and three of macadamized were constructed as object lessons. The time has passed when the country road was considered in good shape after the farmers had turned out once a year and dug out the side ditches and piled the dirt in a ridge in the cen-

of Yale college will be held in New Haven in October. The Old New England city will have its entertaining capacity taxed to the uttermost as all available space has been engaged for months. The sum of \$2,000,000 has been raised as an appropriate expression of satisfaction in the two hundredth anniversary of this great institution. Yale University with its vast eninstitution. Yale University with its vast endowment and its two century record of culture in 1901 has a long look backward to its inception in 1700. In that year ten Congregational clergymen met in New Haven and made a contribution of ten books each toward the establishment of a library and college. Yale is the third oldest college in the United States, Harvard and the college of William and Mary having been established previously. Its great Harvard and the college of William and Mary having been established previously. Its great influence in the educational field has been second to none. For two hundred years it has been a powerful factor in American life and every American whether he be an alumnus of Yale or not should feel a personal interest in this event.

The "Exposition habit" seems to be a growing one. We have been surprised and delighted at the fact that centennial celebrations were possible at this stage of our history. The opportunity to combine a centennial exhibition and an industrial exposition is eagerly seized. It is not often that our centennial events are national in interest, but the purchase of Louisiana in 1803 is of peculiar national significance in this decade of territorial expansion. The precedent has developed more momentous results in our history than any other single The precedent has developed more momentous results in our history than any other single event. St. Louis has seized its opportunity and already the Louisiana Purchase of 1903 is being discussed and planned. "The Pan" is now at the height of its glory but all visitors there have their attention directed to the Exposition of 1903. All nations are to be invited to join in this exposition. In the earliest development of commerce the Fair promised the only means for an exchange of goods. In Southern Russia the great yearly fairs are still the merchant's opportunity for sales. Aggressive modern commercialism has returned to the spirit of the early method and the time seems to be approaching when each summer will find some great city attracting crowds to an exposition which above everything else is industrial in character. in character.

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It was believed for a long time that science and the Bible could not agree. Modern investigations have however reconciled some apparent discrepancies. It remains for a French doctor to stir up a new discussion. "Who by taking thought can add a cubit to his stature?" is the old Biblical question and the French savant answers that he can. It is claimed that two fifths of an inch a month can be added to the stature by the use of electricity. An electric bulb is applied to the bony matter at the knee and ankle joint and its growth is stimulated so that amazing changes in height result. There are many alarming and pleasing results possible in the development of this latest scientific discovery. The undoubted fact that women are extremely tall has made it rather embarrassing for many a youth of low stature and tender heart. The fear of ridicule has prevented his setting his affection upon a Gibson girl who bore about the relation to him that Texas does to Rhode Island. Now, this can all be properly adjusted and he can take a little electricity and grow up to his ideal. There is, however, an alarming possibility of this discovery's ruining the market for giants. If giants can be manufactured to order, the real unelectrified article will have to find some other occupation than being a sideshow. Again the French government might seize upon the invention and proceed to turn the whole French army into a giant force that would threaten the balance of power in Europe.

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"Child Study" has developed a scientific side "Child Study" has developed a scientific side to the natural love for children. The games and amusements of children are wonderfully illustrated in the Children's building of the Paris Exposition which has been retained as a permanent exhibition. It is an exemplification of the Children's Pleasure Palace which was commented upon sometime since by COMFORT. Along with this added interest in the pleasures of children has developed a practical care for their physical well being. It has no better illustration than the investigations that have recently been made into the conditions of child labor in our Southern states and in Italy. recently been made into the conditions of child labor in our Southern states and in Italy. Systematic investigation of the factory and mining conditions in the South disclose conditions that are horrible. These abuses are permitted only because people are ignorant of them. Efforts are being made to procure legislation in the Southern states that will prevent such abuses. The American Federation of Labor is working to this end but as yet no laws have been secured. Conditions must be understood before public opinion will demand protection for child life. Conditions similar to the child labor in the Southern states exist in Italy where children are practically sold to contract labor in the factories of other countries. The labor in the factories of other countries. derived from selling children to long hours of work in the furnaces of glass factories at Lyons. There is a demand in Italy for government intervention. These are hopeful signs. It is the pathetic contrast between the interest in the leasures of favored children and the fight for he very lives of the poor victims of child labor, that must appeal to any one familiar with the different phrases of the subject.

The Pan-American Congress to be held in Mexico during this month of October is one of the most important gatherings that has been held in America. Two features of the relation to one another of American republics must be discussed and the questions are of immediate and practical significance. The political rela-tions and the commercial relations in America should be instantly influenced by this Congress if its delegates appreciate that should be instantly influenced by this Congress if its delegates appreciate that no academic discussion should be indulged in. The United States has the opportunity to do a great work in the field of practical politics. The Latin Republics of South America owe their existence and continuance to the Monroe Doctrine. The United States should clearly define at this Congress the force of that act, since it practically proclaims the United States the protector of the autonomy of South American republics. The constant revolutions in South America and ditches and piled the dirt in a ridge in the center of the road. The old town office of "pathmaster" will soon be no sinecure for it will system of arbitration an imperative necessity.

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THE DAWN OF PEACE.





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HERE has always existed to a greater or less extent a super-stitious belief in the occultor supernatural. In the somewhat hazy

stitious belief in the occult or supernatural. In the somewhat hazy times of ancient Greek mythology the universe was run by signs and symbols, and the Sphinx and her colleagues kept pretty active with their divinations and arbitrary turning of fortune's wheel. Later the wonderful astrologers and sooth-sayers of the far East wrought mysteries and witcheries portent-ous and often fatal as well as fateful in outcome. The Romanys told their strange tales and fortunes when their palms were crossed with silver; and from it all have gradually been evolved the mind-reading, palmistry, gypsy fortune-telling and horoscopy of modern days, all of which deal with the good and bad luck of the individual, and have produced a small undercurrent of superstition in every day life, so that by many people certain incidents or objects are interpreted as meaning or predicting a happy fortune or otherwise, as the case may be.

An outgrowth of this somewhat superstitions influence is the belief in certain things as talismans or charms for inducing propitious fortune to smile, and for driving away evil cliance, though why a four-leaved clover or a black eat should produce such results is rather inexplicable. This faith in charms is as old as doomsday, but within the past few years a revival of the old-fashioned superstitions has set in, making something of a fad of everything that has to do with good luck. Talismans and emblems of every variety are owned or worn by maid or matron alike, and many of sterner sex are made feetpients of some mascot supposed to portend happy fortune, for it is part of the charm.

part of the charm that these omens must be given or received, as it is said that good luck cannot be bought, but must come to one un-sought—it must be 'k is met" fate.
Good luck

luncheons, sup-pers and cotil-lions can be made great sport, when all the favors are mascots or lucky
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ALL SOULS EVE.

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When all things pertaining to the occult and mysterious are so popular, naturally Hallowe'en would be hailed with greatest enthusiasm, the enchanted thirty-first day of October which has been made so much of ever since the days of Scotch "Bobbie" Burns and the other graphic chroniclers of its mystic rites, particularly by light hearted young folks who are eager to tempt their future destiny.

It is the night of nights of all the year when spells and charms hold good, when unseen spirits are supposed to walk abroad, called forth from the vasty deep, when the witchery of all things uncanny spreads a subtle influence and mortal man and maid delight to try their fate by a peep into the unknown.

As so many of these young people, both city-bred and rural, are preparing to keep "All Hallows," numerous are the plans being devised. Probably the two that will be most widely followed will be the Hallowe'en party, or entertainment, where the traditional charms of the night, mostly of Scotch and English origin, will be indulged in; and the up-to-date function, where all the magic is to be "spick and span," freshly invented for the occasion.

The old observances consist in the familiar "ducking" for apples in a tub of water, roasting of chestnuts named for the sweetheart before the open fire, carrying a lighted candle and a looking-glass downstairs as the clock strikes midnight, walking backwards all the time blindfolded; to try one's fate in three dishes of water set on the table, one of them empty, the second filled with clean water, the other with soapy water; and a score more of

dishes of water set on the table, one of them empty, the second filled with clean water, the other with scapy water; and a score more of equally quaint doings handed down from generation to generation.

For making the new Hallowe'en affair successful, invitations could be issued on curious three cornered bits of red paper—three being the magic number, red the symbolic color—in each corner engraved some mystic design or emblem of good luck. Each guest should be requested to appear at the symposium attired to represent some secret character, and to be prepared to work some original trick of magic, to east horoscopes, to participate in a dance of uncanny spirits or perform a witch's pas seul, to sing or play weird music, to tell a ghoulish tale, or perform something else in keeping with the spirit of the night.

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This could be made a novel and exciting form of Hallowe'en fun. A crop of appropriate ideas could be secured by dipping into old volumes of mythology and mystic lore, and studying up ancient Greek, Assyrian and Egyptian stories of the black art, literature usually neglected save by the scholar in antiquities. Even the pagan rites of the ancient Druids who believed in the transmigration of souls might give some hints, for these priests of past ages were great devotees at the shrine of Hallowe'en, and also observed November first. All Souls Day, as the festival of the sun, filling the preceding night with strange ceremonies to usher in the day.

"When I get a bright idea I always want to pass it along," said a thrifty housewife, as she sat watching a young girl sewing: "Do your buttons ever come off?"

"Ever? They are always doing it. They are ironed off, washed off and pulled off until I despair. I seem to shed buttons at every step."

"Make use of these two hints when you are sewing them on, then, and see if they make any difference. When you begin, before you lay the button on the cloth, put the thread through so that the knot will be on the right side. That leaves it under the button, and prevents it from being worn or ironed away, and thus beginning the loosening process.

and thus beginning the loosening process.

"Then, before you begin sewing, lay a large pin across the button, so that all your threads will go over the pin. After you have finished filling the holes with thread, draw out the pin, and wind your thread round and round beneath the button. That makes a compact stem to sustain the possible pulling and wear of the buttonhole. "It is no exaggeration to say that my buttons never come off, and I'm sure yours won't if you use my method of sewing."

The summer time is the golden opportunity

clover cushion?
A very happy
thought it was to stuff that neces-sary article with fragrant clover blossoms. The balsam of the Maine pine woods, after this discovery, may as well hide in oblivion, for what livion, for what odor is more re-freshing than that of the flower associated with luck. A balmy pillow? it must indeed make, and on it the weary head will have

vision of peace-ful fields redolent of the breath of kine. Clover and cows always go together, or should,

CURIOUS contest has recently taken place in England to determine, by vote, the twelve most notably good women of the nineteenth century. Among those selected were, in the order of their names, Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry, the Baroness Burdette-Coutts, the Princess of Wales, the late Duchess of Teck, Sister Dora, Grace Darling, Lady Henry Somerset and Frances Ridley Havergal. ry Somerset and Frances Ridley Havergal.

HEN the Duke of Clarence, afterward William IV., went down to Portsmouth to inspect the British seventy-four, the guide allotted to him was a battered old lieutenant with one eye, who lacking "a friend" at court, had served years without promotion. As the veteran removed his hat to salute his royal visitor, the latter remarked his baldness, and said jestingly, "I see my friend, you have not spared your hair in your country's service."

"Why, your Royal Highness," answered the "old salt", "so many young fellows have stepped over my head that it's a wonder that I have any hair left." A few days after the "old salt" was surprised to receive his appointment as captain.

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Summer Visitors.

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HE sun was casting long golden rays back on the earth he was leaving one warm evening in June when motherly Mrs. Byram came out on the porch where her husband was smoking his

evening pipe, ex-claiming, as she dropped into her rocking chair and began to fan her heated face with

claiming, as she dropped into her rocking chair and began to fan her heated face with her apron:

"There! Thank fortune, I'm all through. The last curtain is hung, and the last rag is washed and dried and put away, and now every inch of this house is as clean as hands and soap and water can make it. Now it's ready for haying, and after that I sha'n't have anything special to do till fall; and I'm goin' to rest and take things easy for a speil. What's that you're a'sayin? Summer visitors? Oh, I don't believe they will trouble us much this year. I wrote Sarah 'long back in March that I didn't feel over and above smart this year; and I guess she has too much sense to bring her family here after that, and she'll tell the rest of'm, too, that I'm not able to have 'em come visiting this year. I should feel that way if I was in her place. I can't do for other people this summer as I did last. I ain't strong enough. I suppose that daughter Maria will come with little Ernest, but that is different. That's our own, and it don't seem to trouble to have them here, but 'pears like I can't have sister Sarah and her children, and cousin Ellen and hers, and all Sam's children, married and single."

At this Mr. Byram stirred, looked at his wife, and took the pipe from his month.

"Indeed, you can't, Sabriny, and that's a fact. But if your letter to Sarah last March is all you've said to any of 'em against comin', I'm afraid you'll have 'em all here this summer as sure as preachin'. 'Pears to me you'd better drop Sarah, and maybe Ellen, another line, and tell 'em how beat out you be this spring, and that you ain't going to do nothin' but rest all summer."

"Oh, I don't just like to do that, Jotham. Looks like I was refusin' their comments have."

"Oh, I don't just like to do that, Jotham. Looks like I was refusin' their company before I was asked. Besides its drefful hard work for me to write letters, and I don't feel equal to trying it,—not till I'm more rested than I be now."

now."
"Well, Sabriny, I don't blame ye a mite for "Well, Sabriny, I don't blame ye a mite for feelin' that way, but, all the same, I'm afeard you're takin' a big resk in not writin. It's more'n likely they'll come down on ye without any warnin' some of these warm days. If I was well and strong it wouldn't be so bad, but you've got me on your hands to look out for as well as everybody else, and I can't make it come right for you to have other people's burdens and expense to bear as well as your own. 'Taint right at all!' and good old farmer Byram rose, knocked the ashes from his pipe, and limped off to bed, coughing a staccato accompaniment to his halting steps.

Mrs. Byram sat thinking and rocking a few moments; then, sighing heavily, she rose and went into the house, locking the front door behind her, and murmuring as she did so—
"I don't believe they'll have the heart to come."

come."

The June days went by, one after another. A hot June, everyone called it. Haying time came, and with it the added care of hired haymakers, for Mr. Byram was too feeble to do much except to oversee and direct the men. makers, for Mr. Byram was too feeble to do much except to oversee and direct the men. Mrs. Byram spent the long, hot days from five in the morning until sunset in her kitchen, cooking bread, pies, doughnuts and gingerbread, boiling meat and vegetables, and making "sweetened water" for the hungry and thirsty men. Into the midst of it came the widowed daughter Maria and her little Ernest. Maria white and thin from the heat of the city, and the winter's work of taking boarders for a normal school in her neighborhood. But she could not sit idle and see her mother work, even though she needed rest; so together the two women worked, and talked, and exchanged the confidences so dear to mother and daughter; while they cooked, and washed dishes, and were happy in each other's company. Meanwhile little Ernest followed his grandpa around, and helped and hindered all he could. One hot day, just as the dinner had been cleared away, and Mrs. Byram and Maria had seated themselves on the cool porch to rest and "piece patchwork" until it should be time to get supper the stage stopped at the gate. The two women looked up in dismay.

"The land! Maria, it's Cousin Ellen, sure as you're a living woman!"

"It surely is," ejaculated Maria, "and she has all four of those dreadful children with her. You ain't fit to have them here, mother, and I'm going to tell her so."

"No, no, Maria, you mustn't. She's come so fur we mustn't drive her off. Maybe she won't stay but a week."

"She will, too, mother. She'll stay a moth

"She will, too, mother. She'll stay a month at least. Just look at her trunks, three of them!" and Maria groaned as she followed her

them!" and Maria groaned as she followed her mother down the yard to greet her guests.
"How do you do, cousin Sabrina?" called Ellen, in a loud strident voice as they approached her. "How do, Maria? Surprised to see us? Well, you see, we hadn't time to write, for my cook got mad and left me yesterday morning because I told her I was going to do without a housemaid this summer, and she must do the chamberwork and sweening, and must do the chamberwork and sweeping, and table-waiting. She has had an easy time all winter, and I don't think she had any right to complain if the work is a bit harder this summer; but she flew into a rage and took herself off at once. I had already let the housemaid go, so there was no one to do a hand's turn, and I had to get away. I knew it wouldn't make a bit of difference to you if I didn't write beforehand, and the children were wild to come," and Mrs. Brooks stopped to scream breathlessly at one of the wild children who was balancing himself on the well curb to see where the bucket went to when it was lowered.

Mrs. Byram hurried to the spot, and Maria

Seized the moment of her absence to say:—
"But, cousin Ellen, didn't Aunt Ellen tell
you how frail father is this summer, and how
worn out mother is with the care of him? I
think mother wrote to her about it early in

the spring."
"Why I think she did say something about his not being very well, and your mother being a little tired; but I supposed that was all over long ago."

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he requires a great deal of care and waiting upon and needs a quiet home, too, he lies down so frequently."

"La now, I'm sorry Uncle Byram is failing,

the now, I'm sorry Uncle Byram is failing, but you mustn't lose heart. Probably it is only the heat, and he will soon be better. We'll do all we can to give him cheerful conversation, and take his thoughts off himself. I shouldn't wonder if that is what he needs. The children won't disturb him, dear little souls! They will be out of doors all the time."

Marie had no time to say more, for by this

will be out of doors all the time."

Maria had no time to say more, for by this time they had reached the house where her mother joined them again, and her father came out to welcome the guests. A scream from Ernest drew her around to the back door, where she found two of the visitors dragging his maltese kitten around the yard by the tail, and stoning it for scratching them. Peace was restored, and order reigned until at the teatable one of the boys complained because his

was restored, and order reigned until at the tea table one of the boys complained because his saucer of strawberries was not so full as his brother's, and the whole meal was spoiled by his whining and faultfinding.

The next morning it was no better. Cousin Ellen, arrayed in a fresh white wrapper, sat in the cool sittingroom and crocheted edging, while Maria spent the whole forenoon trying to keep the peace among the wrangling children, and to prevent her father being annoyed by them; and her mother struggled on alone in the hot kitchen, with her work more than doubled by the advent of the city cousins.

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Two or three weeks went on in this way, until one afternoon the stage again stopped at the gate, and discharged Cousin Susan and her two babies.

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"Now I hope I don't intrude, Aunt Sabrina," she cried, as she glanced about her at Mrs. Brooks and her noisy brood, and Maria and Ernest, "but it is just this way—my baby has been sick for a week from the hot weather in Boston, and yesterday took sick in just the same way, and the doctor said that I must get into the country at once, or he wouldn't answer for the consequences; so I started right off this morning, without waiting to write to you. I didn't dream that you had so much other company; but any way, it was the only thing I could do, for I couldn't run the risk of losing my babies," and Susan took off her own and the children's hats, settled the children comfortably on the rug, and ran into the pantry for cookies for them—all in such a matter-of-course way, as if she owned the place, that Maria could bear it no longer, and was on the point of pouring forth a flood of angry words when she caught her mother'seye. Mrs. Byram shook her head and beckoned her silently into her bedroom.

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shook her head and beckoned her shently into her bedroom.
"Mother, it's outrageous"! she began; but Mrs. Byram checked her.
"Yes, I know, daughter; it does seem kind of wearin'; but I can't grudge the leetle creeters the fresh air they need so badly. We'll have to let 'em stay a spell, Maria."
"Well, but mother, it will kill you, and I'm not going to let you be killed by Susan's babies, now. Better they than you, any day. Besides,

not going to let you be killed by Susan's babies, now. Better they than you, any day. Besides, Susan can go somewhere else, and pay her board. There's Mrs. Mixer would be glad to make a little money in taking boarders."

"Well, daughter, so she might; but you know she won't do it if we ask her, and it would only make her dreadful angry with us if we should mention it; so we shouldn't gain anything but her ill will. No, no; better take things as they are, and make the best of them. But I should like to have things more quiet for father's sake," she murmured as she went into the kitchen and started the fire to bake hiscuits. the kitchen and started the fire to bake biscuits

for her large family.

The next day Daisy was cross, and the baby The next day Daisy was cross, and the baby screamed for cookies and fruit. Susan let them both have their own way in all things, and eat whatever they wished; and so in a few days both were seriously ill; and as their mother had no "faculty" in sickness Maria had them both to manage and take care of, while Susan sat idly by and nearly drove her frantic with her silly suggestions and interference. If Maria had one child quietly sleeping on the lounge while the other lay in her arms Susan was sure to come in and wake the sleeper by fussing over it in some way. Then she would take the other child from Maria's arms, and when she had made it thoroughly uncomfortable she would drop both, and leave the room saying—"

"They are the worst children I ever saw! It makes no difference how much I do for them, they scream whenever I touch them."

Father Byram stayed alone in his bedroom now the greater part of the time trying to bear the noise and confusion as well as he could, and gaying retiently and pathetically out over

the noise and confusion as well as he could, and gazing patiently and pathetically out over the green fields from which his noisy visitors debarred him.

One hot, still morning his wife found herself unable to get out of bed. Her strength seemed to be all gone, and she could not so much as lift her head from her pillow. "Never mind," long ago."

"No, my father is very feeble this summer, and besides being unable to attend to his work long ago."

she said, "I am only tired. Tomorrow I shall be all right." But tomorrow came, and she was not all right, and when a neighbor came in to

bring a letter from the post-office Maria sent him for the doctor. When the doctor came he said her vitality was very low. She was tired out—used up—and she must have rest, care and nursing; and even then he did not feel sure that she would rally.

Poor Maria! She felt that her burden was greater than she could bear. To lose her mother! and all on account of the thoughtless selfishness of those who called themselves friends, but who had willingly allowed her to work herself to death that they might have a good time. She could not speak, but silently gave the doctor the letter received that morning from her Aunt Sarah, asking if she and her daughter might come for a visit of a month.

"Great Scott!" cried the doctor, as he mastered the contents "I'll answer this letter myself, and tell your aunt that if she will come and help you nurse she will be welcome; otherwise not to dare to show her face. And you must get rid of all this tribe at once; at once! Do you hear me? I'd tell 'em myself, but your mother won't let me. She is afraid I'll be too harsh. Good gracious! my dear, you've got to be harsh with such people. They won't understand anything else," and the fiery little doctor threw himself into his buggy with a slam, and drove off still muttering to himself.

Hardly had the doctor gone when little Ernest came in dripping from head to foot, and with a cruel cut on his head. Malcolm Brooks had pushed him into the pond because he refused to climb a neighbor's apple tree and steal apples for him. This was the last stroke for Maria. She could work for these people, and put up with their impositions upon herself to please her mother; but to see her one treasure abused in this way by boys three or, four years older than he she could not and would not. Silently she carried him to her mother's room and rocked him, and bound up the bleeding head, and then bore him to her mother's room and rocked him, and bound up the bleeding head, and then bore him to her mother's room and rocked him, and bound up the bleeding head, an others' expense because she was too lazy to care for them, and too parsimonious to pay for it herself; and when she had finished she buried her face in her hands, and sobbed in utter shame and wretchedness at the misery of it all, while her cousins crept away without a word, to quiet their screaming children and pack their trunks for home.

Did her mother die? No. She crawled slowly back to health under the tender care given her by Maria and her sister Sarah. Maria gave up all thoughts of earning for herself that winter by taking boarders, and remained on

winter by taking boarders, and remained on the farm with the old people; coaxing them back to life by every device in her power; and by spring the returning color in her mother's step gave her hope of success. But summer visitors were carefully invited, early in the spring, not to come that year, and all the long, sweet summer the family of farmer Byram imbered only four.

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"tarts."
While pie isn't as wholesome as fruit, or a simple cottage pudding for dessert, it is still in great demand, and the house-wife must know how mand, and the nouse-wife must know how to make light and delicate pastry, for if the family will have pie, it must be given them in as wholesome

and digestible a condition as possible. For the benefit of those housewives who are willing to learn how to make it in the easiest manner and gain the desired result of lightness and delicacy, we give the following method for making plain paste and puff paste.

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PLAIN PASTE.

Wash one-fourth cup butter and form in a circular piece. Add one-half teaspoon salt to one and one-half cups flour and work in one-fourth cup lard with the tips of the finger. Moisten to a dough with cold water. Toss on a board dredged sparingly with flour and roll out into a square piece one-fourth inch thick. Place the roll of butter on center of lower half of the paste. Cover the butter by folding the upper half of paste over it. Press edges firmly to enclose as much air as possible. Fold the right side of paste over the enclosed butter and the left side under enclosed butter; cover and let stand five minutes. Roll the paste out to one-fourth inch thickness, lifting often and dredging board with small amount of flour to keep it from sticking. Fold from ends to center, making three layers. Cover and let stand five minutes. Repeat twice, turning paste half way round each time before rolling. After fourth rolling fold from ends to center and double, making four layers. Put in a cold place to chill.

Puff paste is made in the same way, using one pound butter, one pound pastry flour and cold water.

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The butter should be washed, to remove salt and buttermilk, thus making it of a waxy consistency and easy to handle. To wash butter: Scald and chill an earthen bowl. Heat the palms of the hands in hot water and chill in cold water, and then the butter will not adhere to the bowl or hands. Wash the butter in the bowl by squeezing with the hands until soft and waxy, placing the bowl under a cold water faucet and allowing the water to run.

Puff paste is used for patties, cheese straws, tarts, vol-au-vents, etc. The butter should be washed, to remove salt

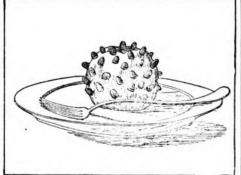
QUICK PASTE.

Mix three-fourths teaspoon salt with one and one-half cups flour. Cut in one-fourth cup of cottolene or cocoanut butter with a knife.

Moisten to dough with cold water. Toss on floured board, roll out and roll up like jelly roll. roll.

APPLE PIE.

Line a pie plate with paste. Pare, core and cut four or five sour apples into eighths; put row around plate one-half inch from edge and work toward center until the plate is covered,



BAKED APPLE WITH ALMONDS.

then pile on the remainder. Mix one-third then pile on the remainder. Mix one-third cup sugar, one-fourth teaspoon grated nutmeg, one-eighth teaspoon salt, one teaspoon lemon juice and a few gratings of lemon rind, and sprinkle over the apples. Dot over with one teaspoon butter. Wet the edges of under

crust, cover with upper crust (in which slits have been made to let the air out) and press edges together. Bake forty or forty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

If evaporated apples are to be used instead of fresh ones, they should be soaked over night in cold water.

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BLUEBERRY PIE.

Line a deep plate with plain paste; fill with two and one-half cups blueberries dredged with flour; sprinkle with one-half cup sugar and one-eighth teaspoon salt. Cover and bake forty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

CURRANT PIE.

Mix one-fourth cup flour with one cup sugar; add yolks of two eggs slightly beaten and diluted with two tablespoons water. Wash one cup currants, drain, remove and measure; add to first mixture and bake on one crust. Cool and cover with meringue. Cook in slow oven until lightly browned.

MERINGUE.

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Beat whites of two eggs until stiff; add two tablespoons powdered sugar gradually and continue beating; then add one-half teaspoon lemon juice or one-fourth teaspoon vanilla.

Beat two eggs slightly, add three tablespoons sugar, one-eighth teaspoon salt and one and one-half cups milk. Line deep plate with paste and build up fluted rim. Strain in the mixture and sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in quick oven to set rim, and decrease the heat afterwards, as egg and milk in combination need to be cooked at a low temperature.

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LEMON PIE.

Three-fourths cup sugar; three-fourths cup boiling water; three tablespoons corn-starch; two eggs; three tablespoons lemon juice; grated rind of one lemon; one teaspoon butter. Mix corn-starch and sugar, add boiling water, stirring constantly. Cook two minutes; add butter, egg yolks, rind and juice of lemon. Line plate with paste same as for custard pie. Turn in mixture after it has cooled and bake until filling is well browned. Cool slightly and cover with meringue; then return to oven and bake meringue. bake meringue.

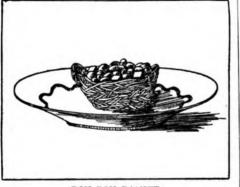
bake meringue.

SQUASH PIE.

Mix one-fourth cup sugar, one-half teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon cinnamon, ginger or nutmeg, add one and one-fourth cups steamed and strained squash, and one egg, slightly beaten; then add seven-eighths cup milk gradually. Bake in one crust.

MINCE PIE.

Four pounds lean beef; two pounds beef suet; Baldwin apples; three quinces; three pounds sugar; two cups molasses, two quarts cider; four pounds raisins seeded and cut in



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pieces; three pounds currants; one-half pound finely cut citron; one quart cooking brandy; one tablespoon each of cinnamon and mace; one

one tablespoon each of cinnamon and mace; one tablespoon powdered clove; two grated nutmegs; one teaspoon pepper; salt to taste.

Cover meat and suet with boiling water and cook until tender; cool in water in which they were cooked; the suet will rise to the top forming a cake of fat which is easily removed. Chop meat fine and add it to twice the amount of finely chopped apples. The apples should be quartered, cored and pared before chopping. Add quinces finely chopped, sugar, molasses, cider, raisins, currants and citron, also suet and stock in which meat was cooked, reduced to one and one-half cups. Heat gradually, stir and cool slowly two hours. Then add brandy and spices.

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Our illustrations show apples baked with Our illustrations show apples baked with almonds, and a basket made of orange straws and filled with bon-bons. The apples are prepared by coring and paring six or eight tart apples; let them simmer in a cup each of sugar and water boiled together three minutes, until tender; turn apples often to prevent breaking. If apples are rubbed with the cut side of a lemon it will keep them white while cooking. Set the apples in an agate pan and press into them blanched and split almonds. Brown in oven and serve hot with whipped cream.

CANDIED ORANGE PEEL. Soak the peel of orange in salted water for three days; drain and repeat three times. Cover with cold water, let boil and then drain thoroughly. Make a syrup of one pound sugar and one pint water; skim, and in it simmer one pound of peel, cut in thin strips, until tender, then boil rapidly and stir until covered with the sugar. Weave the strips while hot and pliable into small baskets in which to serve bon-bons.

Now for that delightful poem of the late Eugene Field.

APPLE PIE AND CHEESE.

Full many a sinful notion Conceived of foreign powers Has come across the ocean To harm this land of ours; And heresies called fashions



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I'm glad my education
Enables me to stand
Against the vile temptation
Held out on every hand.
Eschewing all the tittles
With vanity replete,
I'm loyal to the victuals
Our grandsire used to eat!
I'm glad I've got three willing boys,
To hang around and tease
Their mother for the filling joys
Of apple pie and cheese!

Your flavored creams and ices
And your dainty angel-food
Are mighty fine devices
To regale the dainty dude;
Your terrapin and oysters,
With wine to wash them down,
Are just the thing for roisters
When painting of the town;
No flippant, sugared notion
Shall my appetite appease,
Or bate my soul's devotion
To apple pie and cheese!

The pie my Julia makes me
(God bless her Yankce ways!)
On memory's pinions takes me
To dear Green Mountain days;
And seems like I saw mother
Lean on the window-sill,
A-handin' me and brother
What she knows'll keep us still;
And these feelings are so grateful,
Says I, 'Julia, if you please,
I'll take another plateful
Of that apple pie and cheese!"

De gustibus, 'tis stated,
Non disputandum est.
Which meaneth, when translated,
That all is for the best.
Solet the feeling belong temporary So let the foolish choose 'em, The vapid sweets of sin, I will not disabuse 'em Of the heresy they're in; But I, when I undress me Each night, upon my knees Will ask the Lord to bless me With apple pie and cheese!

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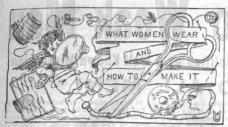
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AND-PAINTING, as a decoration for gowns, daily becomes more popular. For inmore popular. For instance a dainty gown of crisp white taffeta trimmed with a multitude of little frills of white mousseline de soie, has, as a heading to these frills quite a wide band of handpainted flowers in delicate pinks and greens. When one is not naturally artistic or clever with the brush, there are the artificial blooms in cotton and silk fabrics for applique.

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A clever girl, finding elbow gloves a considerable addition in expense and being not over blessed with pin-money buys those of ordinary length to which she adds fitted armiges of lace, black or white as the case may be

ordinary length to which she adds fitted armiets of lace, black or white, as the case may be. The effect is smart, and quite as satisfactory as if she had paid the price for the long glove.

Then to dress the neck is more or less of a worry, especially now that collars are worn so much lower than has been the case in years. Bodices intended for indoor wear may be quite collarless, when the throat is sufficiently pretty; or, if lace is used on the gown, a single narrow band of the lace fitted to the neck and boned with tiny whale bones covered so as not to be seen or run through by a narrow velvet ribbon to keep it in place is quite correct. The day of the high stock has gone and we have

rejoiced all summer—it's such a relief. Long ties of swiss muslin, or thin, soft silks, intended to pass around the neck and tie in a smart bow in front, are very serviceable and easily adjusted. They are made to wear without any stiff support and are wonderfully comfortable. The piece used to ercircle the throat is usually finely tucked to afford a slight body, while the ends are left plain.

Such wonderfully dainty negligees are made up of bands of lace and taffeta ribbon of equal width, finished with lace frills at the edge and down the front.

Coats, three-quarters in length will be pop-

down the front.

Coats, three-quarters in length will be popular, later in the season. The coachman's cape is a feature of the fall coat and is universally becoming. It is a mistaken idea that only a slender figure can wear a loose box-coat, especially if it is short. The fact that the waist is not out-lined lessens the seeming size of the hips, and the result is good. For the home dressmaker they are a bonanza, to use a slangy expres-

slangy expres-sion, they are so easy to fit; still a certain grace-ful curve is necful curve is necessary or the result is ruinous.

A new gown, direct from Paris is made of pale ciel blue wool, rather rough in texture. The entire skirt, which fits like a sheath down to the flounce is crossstitched with white giving the effect of quilting. This is carried out in the short bolero, while the remainder of the gown is as soft

collar of white biege appliqued handsomely with yellow lace of a coarse pattern, furnishing an uneven edge. This collar is round and flat, and is caught together at the front by a soft knot and ends of pale blue crepe de chine. Large silver buttons of an antique design fasten the garment down the front.

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In Paris the fashion of wearing the hair low in the neck has become so universal that the old style, high on the head, seems remarkably passe. The hair is still combed back, a la pompadour, and pushed well forward by means of the sidecombs, but the mass of hair is gathered at the nape of the neck, and braided loosely or twisted into a figure eight and fastened snugly into place. A flat bow of black velvet, placed at just the right angle, is the popular mode of decoration, and proves most becoming. For evening wear the hair is worn low also, and made smart by the clever adjustment of a posie, made smart by the clever adjustment of a posie,



or newer still, two small rosettes of ribbon placed on opposite sides of the braids.

Coats for fall made of velveteen or corduroy are exceedingly smart and most comfortable. They are quite long and perfectly loose, and with their big sleeves and collars are wonderfully picturesque.

The New Apron.

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LARA May lived in a big square house with a large flower garden in front, and a big back garden behind, a nice side yard for her to play in and a big green field for her to pick daisies and buttercups in. There was a swing for her in the stable, a hammock in the front yard, a whole room full of playthings, a canary bird, a pussy cat, and whole trees full of birds which woke her in the morning by their in the morning by their sweet songs, and sung her to sleep again at night. She was a pretty little girl, with white hair that curled all over dd rosy cheeks.

little girl, with white hair that curled all over her head, blue eyes and rosy cheeks.

In the house with Clara lived her mamma, her grandma and grandpa, her Aunt Sasie, Uncle Dave. Uncle Ned, Cousin Sam, and Mary, the cook. Papa was away at sea.

In the next house lived Lottie May, who was just as old as Clara, but who had brown hair, brown eyes, and the prettiest little dimple in her chin. Lottie had only her papa and mamma in the house with her, and she thought it rather unfair that Clara should have so many people in the house while she had so few.

There was a fence between Clara's yard and Lottie's yard, so that the two little girls could not get at each other without going away down to the gate and round by the street to the other gate and up the other yard, and they were continually running away to do so.

One day when Uncle Ned was coming home to dinner he found little Lottie away down the street, trudging along alone.

"Where are you going little one?" said he.

"Oh, I am going to see Caga and show her my new apen."

"But you are going the wrong way. You won't get to Clara's house this way."

"Oh, 'es I will. I is doin 'ee millpond way to det some daisies for her."

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Uncle Ned thought the front way would be the safest, and so he picked Lottie up in his arms and carried her home, telling her mother, whom he met at the gate looking for her, that he would hand her over the fence as soon as she had showed Clara her

new apron.

Next day Clara
trotted over to the

fence and called to her little friend:—"Dottle, where 'oo det 'oo new apen?"
"My mamma buyed it down to Mr. Percy's store

"Has he dot any more?"
"Es, heaps of 'um."
"Oh, dear," said Clara, "I wis my mamma would buy me one, but she says I've dot 'nuff

remainder of the gown is as soft as crepe in its clinging effect.

For early fall wear, coats of black peau de soie in three-quarters length are fetching and wonderfully serviceable. Taffeta jackets have been so universally worn they are really common. A smart long coat of peau de soie is made halffitted at the back and with a deep circular flounce, wider at the back than the front. The lining is white brocade with dashes of pale blue as a ground-work and there is an enormous

on the street to Clara's home, and he knew that the two small girls must have run away from their mammas; so he stopped his horse and spoke to them.

"Good morning, little women; where are you going so feet?"

"Good morning, fittle women; where are you going so fast?"
"Oh," said Clara, "we's doin down to 'oo store to det me a apen like Dottle's."
"Indeed! then I'm very glad that I came



glad that I came along. Now you both jump right in here with me, and we'll go down to the store for it and then I'll take you home."

So with great delight the children allowed themselves to be lifted into the

themselves to be lifted into the wagon, and away they all went to the store, where kind Mr. Percy not only allowed Clara to select an apron for herself "just like Dottle's", but he presented each of them with a lovely "hankvish" with a pink border of pussy cats. Then he drove them home as fast as he could, for he knew that their mammas must be hunting everywhere for their runaway daughters.

Next day Lottie's papa sawed a piece right out of the fence between the two houses so that the little girls need not be obliged to go around by the street to get to each other, and he put a strong fastening on each of the street gates, which the little hands could not open, and so Lottie and Clara could not run away any more.

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maritimus, which grows near the seacoast from New Jersey away round to Oregon, and beside the shore of the Great Lakes. Its flowers are purple in color. The other, the lathyrus ochroleucus, is found on the hillsides from New England to Minnesota, and even further west, and is of a yellowish white color.

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populace, but in every day attire, in solitary company, wages valiant battle against the despotism of ignorance and disease. I refer to the common country physician.

physician.

Each diploma grants the possibility of becoming a medical Dewey, but each physician knows that only an infinitesimal per cent. ever receive fame however much they may deserve it, and that ninety per cent. must, perforce, spend their lives in little country towns.

It is of this ninety per cent. we speak, misjudged frequently because their inner life and motives are so largely unknown. Most have one or two motives for adopting the noblest and most arduous profession: an inborn love of the work, an intellectual fascination for building up the intricate human machine; or, that and most arduous profession: an inborn love of the work, an intellectual fascination for building up the intricate human machine; or, that highborn love of humanity that leads a man to give years of hard study preparatory to a life of service and usefulness, a life like the Master's in that daily duty is doing inexpressibly difficult and disagreeablethings for the suffering. A good conscience is its own reward—and too frequently the physician's only reward. He must learn to endure hardness with patience if he would win. This is burned into his experience again and again.

There is no time day or night the active physician does not hold himself in readiness to answer calls, be it far or near, fair weather or foul, 98 degrees in the shade or twenty-eight below zero, roads good or almost impassable, be the patient a pay patient or one who cannot pay, be the illness serious or only a nervous freak. Only those who have tried it know what it is to be on duty seven days in the week—as a physician necessarily is.

If there is any class which needs the comfort and strength of religion it is they, yet if he attends church and is frequently called out professionally, it is said to be an advertising dodge, so, too frequently, he stays away altogether. Often a diversion of creed keeps pastor and physician from working shoulder to shoulder—to the detriment of the usefulness of each.

Because a physician is paid (and his fee is

Because a physician is paid (and his fee is gauged by store prices of farm produce) many people feel they own their physician body and soul. Most physicians feel their best professional service is all the patient is entitled to, and decidedly object to being considered common property, owned by a stock company of invalids.

If patients recover many times the physician is credited with the cure. In equally many instances credit is given to the ministrations of some universal "aunt" or for reasons climatic

some universal "aunt" or for reasons climatic or constitutional.

If the results are unfavorable it is almost always the doctor's fault. It is more because the medicines were taken irregularly, or the exposure, the results are critical period. Knowing the cause of failure to be other than himself, still the physician has no alternative but silently to bear the blame that is not his.

Comparatively few country people permit themselves to realize what every well-read physician knows that excepting acute and surgical cases, hygienic laws are worth as much to them as medicine. They won't believe the physician's advice of a diet, bathing, exercise and sanitation generally is worth more than his drugs. Many a man pays a dollar for a big bottle of nauseous stuff for his "liver" who could free himself from indigestion by the simple observance of hygienic laws. The physician who is brave enough to intimate a lack of personal cleanliness usually finds his advice supurpolar the patient betakes himself in high

single observance of hyghenic laws. The paysician who is brave enough to intimate a lack
of personal cleanliness usually finds his advice
spurned, or the patient betakes himself in high
dudgeon to a doctor "what knows doctorin"."

A great drawback to his professional success
is the dearth of trained nurses, for it is the almost invariable custom in rural communities
for neighbors to "take turns" in the care of the
sick. With the best of intentions and all kindness of heart these self constituted nurses are
not always a blessing. Not only because they
sometimes forget directions, and at others
"take matters into their own hands," but
oftentimes they don't know the essentials of
good nursing, noiseless movements, quiet and
calm in crises, how to change the linen, and
give baths without subjecting the patient to
chill or draft, how properly to prepare gruels,
broths, jeli's, etc., while country prejudice is a
solid bulwark against the use of ice water and
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solid bulwhick against the use of ice water and cold packs in cases of inflammation and fever. The greatest hardships are not purely physical. People dor realize the constant demands on a physi n's sympathy, or the depressing influence of case after case of acute suffering—in so many instances the patient is beyond permanent help. The wrongs he sees inflicted upon the helpless which he is powerless to prevent, the tragedies he alone knows and sometimes even crimes that he is asked to be party to, and because he refuses to make base uses of a noble science his own character is smirched in baffled revenge, all these things test the metal of the man. Fortunately in most cases the metal rings true. They don't realize the tremendous strain on a man who performs surgical operations when the deviation of a hair's breadth is a question of sight or blindness, of life or death. They don't realize how it saps the vital forces to sit many hours without once removing the eyes from a patient that no subtle change may escape his notice, one hand on the ebbing pulse, the other administering stimulants as needed in the hand to hand fight with death, sitting in heat, or cold, or draft as may be best for the patient without one minute's respite lest the last great change come in the momentary unwatchfulness. They can't realize the anxiety of having patients day after day whose lives are swaying in uncertainty between here and the beyond, where even his utmost endeavors can be of no avail. These are some of the things not included in the bill. Most physicians will bear witness that in half some of the things not included in the bill.

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the cases this is the last bill to be paid.

Patients expect and need the sympathy and Patients expect and need the sympathy and loyalty of their physicians. Do they reflect that in an equal measure, the physician needs theirs? Do patients often thank a physician for giving up a longed-for trip or calling when he should himself be in bed and cared for, to save their temporarily changing doctors? When some illnatured gossip or damaging report is current (and such remarks are made of every physician), does the patient promptly every physician), does the patient promptly say, "I credit no such rumor. I believe Dr. Smith did his best."

There is no filth or disease so loathsome, no

place so poor or vile but the physician must go there, or be branded a coward, though possi-

there, or be branded a coward, though possibly not another respectable person in town will risk their reputation by crossing the threshold. It is a physician's business to heal complaints but patients should make their complaints to him—not of him. Patients are free to tell him when his medicines are not palatable, when they don't relieve, when he hurts in the treatment, that he didn't come when he said he would and for no good reason, all of which may be strictly true. But when the firm touch is gentle, when the obstinate disease is conquered is it any less fair to tell your physician that?

that?
The common country physician should be a strong man intellectually and morally, whose purity of character and life inspires the respect and trust of all, for he has thousands of opportunities to do good that no other human being can have. The man who brings you into this world, who all the way along pulls you through all the physical crises of life, who knows more of your sorrows than any but the very nearest kin, whose firm hand takes your last heart throb, this man should be (and in more cases than we always realize, is) a tower of strength in a community.

"Not to him who rashly dares, But to him who nobly bears, Is the victor's garland sure."

The American Chair Industry.



HE American chairmaking industry, one of the most important of the interests which have made our country famous, was founded early in the nineteenth century in one of the New England States. Four brothers had for some years been engaged in the manufacture of chair stock, and finally in the year 1830 they purchased a and finally in the year 1830 they purchased a small factory in Gard-ner, Mass., and there was laid the founda-tion of the present immense business,

immense business, in the production of this furniture.

The writer spent some hours recently inspecting the various departments of the concern, and while it would be impossible to relate a tenth part of the interesting points connected with the business in the present brief article, still, a general idea of the business can be presented to the readers of COMFORT.

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business in the present brief article, still, a general idea of the business can be presented to the readers of Comport.

The stock used in the manufacture of chairs is for the most part oak and maple, though other woods are occasionally handled. It comes from the mill sawed to the right size and shape, the length varying from six inches to six feet. In the Gardner factories alone there is used annually over 25,000,000 feet. Having been thoroughly dried in kilns, it is sent to a department where it is shaped into the various parts that go to make up a chair, spindles, rungs, backs, seats, etc. The parts that require bending are placed in a sort of boiler and made supple by the action of steam, after which they are easily bent into any required shape.

Numerous machines are used in the finishing of the wood, all ingenious and worthy of attention, but none more so than one designed for imitating hand carving. The back of the future chair, it may be, is introduced into this machine, which is in reality a great press of enormous power fitted with dies of almost every conceivable design. An instant of pressure and the plain wood is transformed into a richly carved back, more regular and certainly as beautiful as the best hand-workman can produce. This machine is capable of turning out five thousand backs daily.

The different parts having been rounded out and finished, they are sent to a department called the assembling-room, where the chair is put together.

The cane and rattan that is used in the manufacture of the seats and other portions of the chair, come from swampy forests in the East Indies, Sumatra, Borneo and other adjacent islands. It is a species of the palm tree and grows to a great height, though rarely over an inch in diameter. Free from knots and peculiarly tough, it is splendidly adapted for the use to which it is put. It reaches the factory in bundles of about one hundred pieces each, doubled in the middle and securely tied.

Formerly this rattan was prepared entirely by hand, the outer coating bei

of the time, more accurately and less waste-

In the early days of chair-making the strips In the early days of chair-making the strips of cane were woven into the so-called Chinese pattern by hands, a slow, laborious process; machinery has done away with the most of this at the present time, however, the seats and backs being woven in much the same manner as textile fabrics. The strips of cane are first joined together by means of small metallic despressions and wound processing the strips of small metallic despressions. metallic clasps and wound onto great spools. These spools are sent to the weaving room where they are woven into the cane fabric, the strands crossing each other at right angles. Up to the present time there has been no machine devised that would weave the octagonal design, known as the Chinese pattern, hence it is necessary to weave the diagonal strands by hand, girls on each side of the cane fabric inserting a needle in the proper meshes, this needle leaving behind a single strand of cane. This having been accomplished, it is sent to the department where the frames are ready for

The cane fabric having been secured to the frame, the chairs are now ready for the finishing touches, some going to the staining and varnishing departments, others being reserved

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drainage, his constitution was weakened to such a degree that it was impossible for him to perform his duties. He spent hundreds of dollars for remedies and to specialists, but could not regain his vitality or check the awful drainage. One day a brother lodge member called his attention to a remedy, in fact, implored Mr. Harter to take the remedy for his affliction; he did so, and in one month's time was entirely cured, his constitution rejuvenated and his vitality regained. Today he is a man in every sense which that word would imply. Mr. Harter is not what one would call an immensely rich man, but his gratitude for this marvelous remedy is so great that he says he intends making his life's labor that of putting this remedy in the hands of all those afflicted as he was. Mr. Harter, being a very conscientious man, thought perhaps the for shipment "in the wood." to be finished

in the hands of all those afflicted as he was. Mr. Harter, being a very conscientious man, thought perhaps the for shipment "in the wood," to be finished upon arriving at their destination. The majority of the chairs that are to be shipped any considerable distance are put together without glue, so that they can be "knocked down" for shipment in the closest possible form.

It is interesting to note the characteristics of the different nations as revealed by the style of chairs which they import. The Germans demand a heavily built chair, quite in keeping with their personality. The French desire a lighter construction, contrasting strongly with their neighbors, the Germans. Goods sent to Cuba, Mexico and Spain are almost entirely of light colored wood and are made in sets that match. The Netherlands, Belgium and Dutch Colonies seem to follow the German style, while the Japanese are more like the French.

The acorn of seventy years ago has grown into the great oak. The business started in a small room in a country village has spread out until today thousands of hands are employed in the mother-town alone, all working together to preduce something they will make life easier.

in the mother-town alone, all working together to produce something that will make life easier others-a chair, an American chair, the

disease, Lost Vitality and its kindred ailments, absulutely free, the means which directed him to heaith and contentment. At Nevada, Mo., there is located State Asylum No. 3, in which there are at present about 70 patients; Mr. Harter claims that upon good authority by is informed that about 75 per cent of these unfortunates lost their minds through this disease, and the awful drainage brought upon them. With this awful picture ever before him, he believes it is his duty to humanity to save those now upon a brink of destruction, which is much worse than death. Any reader sending his name and address to Mr. W. S. Harter, 232 Ash Street, Nevada, Mo., will receive without delay, and free of charge, this wonderful knowledge.





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The first to arrive is Senior of Columbus, Kans., ho has a girl friend and a man friend, who are not a terms with each other, and as this embarrasses ar she wants to know which to give up. Don't give peither. If either want to let you go, let that one take the break. (2) Better graduate at the High chool than to lose it for \$2 a week.

chool than to lose it for \$2 a week.

Clover, Lisbon Falls, Me.—It is not right to accept
ne man's escort and go home with another,
hether you like him or not. (2) Wait at least half
n hour for an expected caller from a distance. (3)
[ou may ask a man for his picture.

Ray and Gay, Blythe, Pa.—If he is too bashful to rrite after your telling him he might, he is not sorth bothering about. (2) Treat the man as you sould any other. It is for him to make the ad-

Romance, Sunnyside, Cal.—The man pays the way f he asks you to go to the picnic.

Sally, Lakota, N. D.—Not so very. (2) I do not now that it is very impolite for a gentleman to snap a lady's handkerchief."

Shap a lady's nandkerchief."

S. H., Reading, Pa.—"Miss A. may I introduce (or resent) Miss C." would be the formal way. Friends re much less conventional.

Puss, Coleta, Ills.—Write to Music Dep't. Compar, or to any music dealer advertising in Compar.

Pocahontas, Paris, Me.—Yes, and silly besides.
2) Don't ask the man whom your parents dislike o call.
(3) Yes.
Babe, Sperl, Minn.—A ring might do for a paristmas present, but there are better things.

Cinderella, Lewiston, Me .- No to all your ques-

Mabel and Grace, Prentiss, Wis.—I did not think mere were any girls in Wisconsin quite as silly as

Lessie, Portsmouth, Va.—You can wear almost

Doris, Warsaw, Cal.—Massage is good for wrinkles und lines in the face. (2) Don't try any chemicals in superfluous hair. A wash of the leaves and roots of celandine is said to be good. Make a compress und lay on over night until the hair is removed.

3) Sunday is calling day for men, but not for wo-

men.

Madge, Galesburg, Ills.—You ought to be ashamed of yourself for letting him kiss you.

Columbine, Aurora Springs, Mo.—Moonlight picnics are only proper when there are chaperones.

(2) Young men of eighteen are scarcely company for girls of twenty-eight, I should think. (3) Be polite to the man so long as he is polite to you, but have no friendship. (4) Yes.

Bye bye, Midland, Va.—A young man of twenty-three is not too old. (2) You were quite right in refusing to kiss your siter's sweetheart.

Broken Heart. Ft. Benton. Mont.—You cannot

Broken Heart, Ft. Benton, Mont.—You cannot be any unhappier by marrying the young man you love, and you had better marry him and get away from your cruel father.

Pauline, Ellington, Mo.—No. (2) The young man's first duty is to you. (3) Not unless in a group man's first duty is to you.

Rose and Pink, Circleville, O.—Thank your escort imply and talk to him as usual. You should not have escorts if you do not know how to entertain them.

Innocence, Lowell, Ind.—I cannot answer your question. It is one that each person must answer for herself. I think I would tell the man.

Sunflower, Kinsley, Kans.—It will be all right to accept the loan of the buggy. (2) The best method of making yourself attractive to young men is by not trying to.

Dolly, Altoona, Cal.—Dress to your shoe-tops, or a little lower, and braid your hair. (2) You did right in snubbing the young man.

Lonely Flora, Roscommon, Mich.—Better not talk to your sister's beau while she is away, unless she wants you to. (2) Exchanging articles of jewelry with young men is often done, but it is not always in the best of taste. (3) Yes, ask the young man to call. (4) There is no rule about calling men by their first names. It depends on many things. Not at all with most men.

Maurien, St. Reul, Minn. Don't sing there are not to the state of the state

Maurien, St. Paul, Minn.—Don't sing "love songs to the gentlemen." (2, More than a good complexion is required to make girls attractive. (3) A girl may write to a man she does not intend to marry. (4) It is not good form to chew gum any where.

May Bloom, La Grange, Ind.—A girl of eighteen may write to a man of thirty. (2) Exchanging "tokens of friendship" depends on the tokens. (3) Let the man ask you to write to him.

E. L. H. M., Appleton, Wis.—Ithink there is nothing in that old fortune-telling "fake" of the Bible and the key.

M.J. W., Eddyville, Ore.—Don't make a practice of standing on the road talking to the young man. It is his place to come to see you, at home. (2) Some young people talk at the gate for hours. There is no rule. (3) Once a week is enough for a man to call who is merely a friend, but there is no rule.

Snow Flake, Courtlandt, Minn.—Your mother should have spanked you for kissing the young

Queenie, Echo, La.—It is very foolish to let your-self fall in love with a man whom you know only by letter. If he is honest he will visit you. Then introduce him to your parents.

Kathryn, New Paris, O.—Don't worry about the young man. If you don't hear from him, forget him. Let him keep your letters unless you are ashamed of them. ashamed of them.

Anxious, Lombardsville, Ohio.—If you are young, I think you might risk a few lessons in drawing, but take them from a regular teacher.

Blue Eyes, Brownwood, Texas.—Use your own sense and say what your heart tells you to. Coquettes, Mewis, Mo.-Girls of fourteen and fitteen should devote themselves to books, not beaus.

Fritze, Laurel, S. D.--Girls of sixteen should not marry men of any age. You will have trouble

enough without beginning so early. (2) First come, first served is the rule. That will make the one you like best try to be first. (3) Diet, exercise and washing your face in milk.

Unhappy, Ute, Iowa.—It is proper to thank a man for any courtesy that he extends to you. Thank him for the engagement ring, too, but can't you give a little more than mere thanks? (2) Merely tell the other man with thanks that you have company.

Apple Blossom, Ironton, Mo.—Don't advertise for a husband. Just wait and the right one will come after you. It will not kill you even if he does not. (2) A grand-uncle is your grand parent's brother. (3) Conversation is carried on with deaf persons by signs on the fingers or lips.

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Pansy Star, Norfolk, Va.—The boy is either a knave or a fool, and you are silly to have anything more to do with him. Make him explain himself openly, or drop him entirely.

Joe and Jeannette, Steward, Ills.—I do not think you are crazy, but for seventeen year old girls you ask questions that would indicate you were very nearly being feeble-minded.

Sporty, Pine Forest, Va.—Don't let the young man kiss your hand. (2) Engaged people, married people and near kin may kiss each other. (3) If you know the young man quite well it is prudent to drive into the country with him. P. S. Why do you call yourself "Sporty"? It is not a nice word.

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S. A., Hecter, Minn.—The answer to all of your questions is that there is no arbitrary form for such things, and you may do as you please, so long as you do it kindly and politely.

Alumnae, Columbus, Kans.—Of course you may accept refreshments from a man you do not know, who is waiting on a crowd of people most of whom he does know. Did you ever hear the story of the lady who drowned because she had never met the man who reached into the water to save her? (2) It would seem to me that the class, not the Principal should say what it would do.

Lily of the Vale, New York City.—The girl is very forward, and you ought to help the young man snub her as she deserves to be snubbed. (2) The lady takes the man's arm.

Green Sweetheart, Bridgewater, S. D.—Accept all the attention you can get from other young men and that will bring yours around in a hurry, or drive him away altogether, which, in this case, is better.

Buttercup and Daisy, South Lancaster, Mass.— Let the young man get acquainted with you. If he wants to meet you he will find a way, if he is any good at all.

good at all.

Starlight, Manhattan, Kans.—Eighteen is too young to be engaged, though some women are married earlier than that. (2) It is one of the unsolved problems how to get rid of a man you like, but don't love, without offending him. (3) Wear long dresses. (4) Better trust your parents on the man question, for the present. P. S. Tell sunshine to ask her mother the questions she asks me.

Miami Belle, Brookville, Ohio.—If you love the little man, marry him, no matter how tall you are.

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Musicians in the United states service, mintary or naval, receive regular pay, and, in addition to this, are allowed under certain rules to add to their income by playing for civilians or others for pay. In this way they earn good salaries and, as a consequence, the bands in the services become very proficient from regular practice.

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The Marine Band is a very popular organization and plays for the President at the White House on all public occasions; so that they have become very well known to people visithave become very well known to people visiting Washington, where they are present at most of the larger social affairs. This band plays on the White House ground every Easter Monday for the children, who for that day are allowed to "roll" eggs on the broad lawn and to have a general holiday. The piece of music published upon another page is one that was played by this noted band at President Mc-Kinley's second inaugural and received great applause. It is now of much interest on account of the feeling awakened by the recent tragedy, which makes everything relative to the late President pleasing.

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the educated "vet" stands immeasurably above the old horse-doctor.

We have several fine veterinary schools in this country—notably the Harvard Veterinary in Boston. The most wonderful one in the world, however, is at Stuttgart, Germany, which has been known for more than eighty years as one of the best of its kind on the continent, and the steadily increasing number of its students necessitated an entire rebuilding of the premises and enlargement of the institute. This work has been going on for about two years and the new buildings have just been completed and equipped.

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One of the principal features of the institute is the new great operating hall for horses. This department had been equipped with all the latest improvements and best apparatus and appliances. Where in former years manual labor had to be applied under the greatest difficulties to place the sick animals in convenient positions for various operations, almost everything is now done by ingenious machinery.

Of course there are departments for all domestic animals, but the horse department is quite an institution in itself. Most prominent among the new divisions of this apartment are among the new divisions of this apartment are the dark rooms, the stables, the rooms for massage and electrotherapy, the bath rooms, the great laboratory, the operating rooms, halls for examining sick horses, the pharmacy and the department for the preparation of medicines and bandages. The stables, both for sick and healthy animals, are the finest ever built. They are heated and ventilated by electricity, and the water troughs are automatically filled and emptied. The walls and roof of the operating room are of glass. For the construction of the walls Sierven's glass bricks were used, while the roof consists of thick polwere used, while the roof consists of thick polished plate glass. The amount of light thus obtained is marvelous.

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The bath room is equipped throughout with machinery worked either by electricity or hydraulic power. If a horse is to be given a foot bath it is lifted by means of an apparatus to a certain height, kept in such a position that it cannot move in any way, and then lowered into the bath.

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Horses to be operated upon, before placed upon the table, are given a dose of morphine followed by the administration of chloroform. The table, with the animal fastened on, is then placed into the desired position, by pulling a lever. It can be brought into any position, and is said to be the most practical operating table ever constructed. The table is an invention of Professor Ernst, of the Polytechnical High School of Stuttgart.

Our cut shows a horse affected with a toothache. The examination is made by means of a mouth-opener, and the bad teeth are extracted by instruments worked by electricity.

All the carriages and wagons used throughout the horse department have wheels provided with India-rubber tires, so as to afford easy and silent transportation.

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The work of the Veterinary Institute of Stuttgart is, however, by no means confined to the treatment of horses. Every domestic animal, from a tiny canary bird to a heavy milch cow, is treated. Soon after the opening of the new infirmary a poor family from a near-by village brought a cow whose leg had been



EXTRACTING A HORSE'S TOOTH.

broken. The cow represented the whole wealth of the family. The leg was amputated and a wooden leg substituted. During the first few days after the amputation the cow did not seem to be very fond of its wooden leg, but she soon became familiar with it, and in the second week following the amputation she walked back to her old pasture ground.

The Stuttgart Veterinary High School is a Government institution; the lectures are not only attended by regular students, but also by numerous army officers from all parts of the world and by a great many farmers and cattle

numerous army onneers from an parts of the world and by a great many farmers and cattle raisers. The institute has spacious reading rooms, a first-class technical library, departments of anatomy, pathology, chemistry and physics. It is indeed a comfort, to those of us who love our animals, to know that human nature in these modern times is giving so much thought to their comfort and well-being.

HE belt worn by Napoleon I. at his coronation is now in the possession of a French family living in Paris. It is of crimson velvet embossed with exquisitely chiselled gold eagles and is starred with monograms in gold. Napoleon must either have been very slender, in

order to wear it, or else he must have been very uncomfortable at the ceremonies, for it is certainly very small.

Some Odd Bookbindings.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



OMEBODY said once of Richard A.
Galliene that he loved his books, and like a true lover, wished to see the objects of his affection daintily clad. So to every true book-lover the subject of fine bindings is of the greatest interest, and the greatest interest, and artists of all ages have utilized their skill in this

direction.
The first bindings of which we have any record were made of baked clay. They were merely pockets made to contain each a clay tablet upon which were inscribed characters by the ancient Assyrians. Some specimens of these books are preserved in the British Museum, and are more than thirty-five hundred years

old.

The books written by Latin authors were copied on vellum, and after being illuminated and decorated, were mounted on cylinders of wood, bone, ivory, or gold. The ends of these cylinders were sometimes of gold or were jeweled. The manuscript was mounted like a map and rolled up. These rolls were called "volumen," from which is derived our word "volume."

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Other books of the Romans were made of several tablets of wood or other material covered with wax, upon which the writing was inscribed. At first these were joined by rings, but later were covered with leather or boards which were often richly decorated.

Five or six hundred years before Christ about all the book-making was done by monks, and the volumes were very expensive. These volumes were bound in covers of heavy boards, or even planks, often inlaid with gold or jewels. The monks took advantage of these thick covers, and were accustomed to hollow them out to make a receptacle for holding spectacles or other small articles, and afterwards for a place to hold valuables. This fact caused the destruction of many valuable books, for during the various wars of this period these books were ruthlessly destroyed by invaders for the sake of the jewels supposed to be hidden in the covers.

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At this time a favorite present to a monastery or church was the gift of a manuscript book, richly decorated and bound in covers of gold or silver. To preserve valuable books from theft it became customary to chain them to their shelves. Sometimes, as the books were too heavy even to be lifted, they were chained to a revolving desk. A collection of these chained books is still on exhibition in the Abbey of Wimborne in England. At Wolfbuttal in Germany is now preserved the richest collection of these manuscript volumes in the world, including Luther's own Bible.

Of course the invention of printing caused the book-binders art to assume vastly greater proportions. The 17th century was famous for its beautiful bindings, produced by the Italian artists. Magnificent collections of rare editions were made by collectors of this and later times. One Frenchman who had an especially fine library kept a pile of white gloves in his ante-room, which visitors were obliged to wear while handling his books.

Eccentricities in bindings have been many and varied. One English author bound a book on wood-carving in carved covers. A copy of "The Golden Ass of Apuleins" was bound by one collector in asses' skin. Another collector had a volume containing an account of Charles I. bound in a piece of that king's silk waist-coat. Another English collector, whose father had circumnavigated the globe, had a book containing his travels bound in a pair of buckskin trousers that the old gentleman had worn on his journey. A Russian poet who had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, necessitating amputation, carefully preserved and tanned the skin and bound in the leather a copy of his own poems, which he presented to the lady of his choice.

In a public library in England is preserved a volume giving the report of a murder trial, bound in the murderer's bide, while we are told that Flammarion had bequeated to him the skin from the shoulders of a beautiful French countess, who reques

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French countess, who requested that he should
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work. Human leather is said to resemble pigskin, though it is somewhat finer in texture.
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Society has in its possession an old Swedish
bible which presents an ordinary gilt edge
when closed, but upon the cover being thrown
back, and the leaves slightly separated, the
gilding disappears and in its place various
pictures come into view on the edges of the
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Another queer cover is composed of sheets of isinglass mounted upon cardboard. Between the sheets are pressed flowers, and the whole makes a beautiful effect. Other odd bindings have been made of all sorts of metals, celluloid, ivory, and basket-work. A history of Boston published some years ago was bound in wood from the historic old elm that used to grow on Boston Common.

Boston Common.

This article would not be complete without a description of what is one of the largest and costliest books ever produced. It is the property of a Milwaukee man, and contains a splendid collection of autographs. The book represents a cash outlay of over \$8,000. It weighs over one hundred pounds; is bound in pig-skin mounted with silver. The autographs are arranged four on a page and the slip containing the autograph were both pared down so as to form but a single thickness of paper. It required four months to do this work alone. In regard to the collection itself. It contains Boston Common. In regard to the collection itself. It contains the autographs of famous people all over the world including George Dewey, Edward W. Kemble, Rudyard Kipling, William McKinley, Frederic Remington, Edward de Rezske and thousands of others. Our illustration is a removement of this former book. production of this famous book.

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A Chinese Dinner Party in Boston.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

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Ave., at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the afternoon, up stairs."

When I received this note, enclosed to me in a thin en-velope addressed in fire red ink, I read it with some con-siderable uncertainty which a second reading did not dissi-pate. I did not feel quite sure whether I was invited to a second reading did not dissipate. I did not feel quite sure
whether I was invited to a
dinner in the Chinese quarter,
the next Thursday, or whether
I was to give a dinner there
myself, "up stairs."
With a desire to satisfy myself as to whether I was guest
or host, when it came my lunch
time I walked around to Haro a favorite restaurant where I

venue, to a favorite restaurant where I

was in the habit of going when I wanted a dish of "chop suey," or a cup of such tea as can be had nowhere else but in a Chinese eating house. Ah Fang frequently lunched there, too, and I knew if I saw him I could find out what the note meant.

note meant.

My Chinese friend was there when I went in, and saved me the embarrassment of showing my ignorance, by exclaiming as soon as he saw me: "You come my dinner, next Thursday, I hope very glad?" and then launching out into an explanation of how he was to have some friends from Chicago, in Boston at that time, and was to give them a dinner in true Chinese style, to which he wished me to come to meet the strangers.

the strangers.

I expressed my delight to receive the invitation, accepted with thanks, and sat down to have some tea.

have some tea.

When the appointed day came, and I went to the dinner, I was surprised to meet, not some of Ah Fang's fellow countrymen, as my guests, as I had expected, but a finely educated Chicago professional man and his wife, and a lady friend of theirs. One of the women was a Quaker, and wore the close fitting bonnet and neat gown of beautiful dove gray silk which the women of that faith love to be dressed in. Two young women who were teachers in a Chinese Sunday school in Boston had been invited as the remaining guests. Was it not an odd little company to sit down to a formal dinner in Chinatown?

The room in which the dinner was served

vited as the remaining guests. Was it not an odd little company to sit down to a formal dinner in Chinatown?

The room in which the dinner was served was the front part of one of the second story restaurants. The whole front of the room was open to the light and air of the street, but screened in part by curtains of soft red silk gorgeously embroidered. The tables in a Chinese restaurant are small, high, and made of ebony, teak or some other dark colored wood. Those used for us were magnificently inlaid with mother of pearl. Three tables were set side to side to make one board large enough to accommodate so many guests. We sat on stools of similar make to the tables, richly carved.

In deference to our customs a table cloth had been laid on the table. This is something one never sees in a Chinese eating room as a general thing, and when the first course was moved we begged to have the cloth go with it, so that we might enjoy the beauty of the table tops, and also feel like doing "the real thing." Another concession to our heathen ways was that at the plates of all but Ah Fang there had been laid knives and forks as well as chop sticks which celestials use. Our chop sticks were of ivory, about eighteen inches long and as large through as a lead pencil. Sticks made of ebony or some other wood are used for ordinary occasions. Most of our party, after a few awkward and laughing attempts with the sticks, clung to the forks, but I had come determined to "go the whole ticket," and after the soup ate every dish with my sticks, and did not drop very much of the food into my lap, either. "Going the whole ticket," meant eating of every dish of every course, and I went it. I have often wondered what some of the things were I ate that day, but only providence could not, and the cooks would not, so I am in ignorance yet.

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Before our stools, when we sat down, were tiny porcelain plates. On each of these was placed a queer china dish, a sort of one sided cup about as, and something in shape like, a medicine spoon. In these was served a spoonful of intensely strong liquor as an appetizer. When this had been sipped, and the dishes removed the first course was brought on, birds nest soup. This looked and tasted not very much unlike chicken soup. but was more munest soup. This looked and tasted not very much unlike chicken soup, but was more mucilaginous. This was served in small bowls. We have heard and read so much about Chinese birds' nest soup that I was interested to find after that, some authoritative information about the material from which it is made.

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of the islands, has described the swallow referred to in these words:

"One species of swift (they are called so because they dart around so swiftly in the air), is of considerable commercial importance, for its nests are much prized by the Chinese as an article of food, and when perfectly clean sometimes bring more than their weight in gold. article of food, and when perfectly clean some-times bring more than their weight in gold. They are found at the proper seasons in caves or on the faces of inaccessible cliffs, and the gathering of them is attended with considera-ble risk. They are made from a salivary secre-tion which rapidly hardens on exposure to the air into a substance resembling white give tion which rapidly hardens on exposure to the air into a substance resembling white glue in appearance. The best nests contain no foreign substances whatever, but after being repeatedly robbed the birds grow discouraged, or their supply of secretion begins to give out, and they supplement it with bits of moss. "The best nests are taken on the Peron de Coron in the Philippines, a very precipitous rocky island at the mouth of the strait which separates Culion and Busuanga. Fairly good

separates Culion and Busuanga. Fairly good ones may be found in Guimaras, Siquijor and Palawan."

After the soup we had fish of some kind. I cannot begin to describe all the dishes. One I know was roast duck, cut from the bones and served hot with rice in which there had been cooked small bits of boiled lamb and small preserved pears, served whole. Strange as this



The first convention was held at Geneva, Switzerland, and the emblem of a red cross on white was chosen out of compliment to the

Switzerland, and the emblem of a red cross on white was chosen out of compliment to the Swiss republic, whose flag is the same, with colors reversed.

The treaty provided "for the neutrality of all sanitary supplies, ambulances, surgeons, nurses, attendants and sick or wounded men and their safe conduct when they bear the sign of the organization." And at the present date forty-two governments have accepted it.

Mr. Moynier is president of the International Committee, which is the authority. In times of peace as well as war a constant activity is necessary in preparing and collecting supplies. Russia set the good example of placing boxes in convenient public places that material and clothes might be contributed. And now the countries of Europe vie with each other in making the best collections. At The Hague about twenty-five years ago it may be recalled, there was an exposition where Red Cross work exclusively was displayed.

Training schools have been established in England, Germany, Russia, Sweden, Holland, and other smaller European countries in order to obtain efficient nurses for just this work.

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Recognition was first asked of the United States government during our Civil War, when it was naturally declined. In 1866, Rev. G. Bellows presented a letter from Pres. Moynier to our government again, and for some reason it passed again unnoticed. Then during President Hayes' administration a letter was again presented by Miss Clara Barton, who had been for some time an active worker in the cause, and still no action was taken.

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But by constant perseverance it was finally recognized by President Garfield and adopted at a meeting held at Washington, D. C., May

food.

For dessert we had delicious little lemons or limes—I could not decide which they were—about as big as the end of one's thumb. These were put up in a thick sweet syrup and were served out of earthen jars just as they came from China. We also had another kind of preserves which I could not place as anything I had ever heard of, nor could my host explain what they were so that I could understand. The fruit was small and round and green in color, and looked exactly like the potato balls that I used to gather off the potato vines when I was a boy in Vermont. They were delicious to eat, though. Instead of spoons with which to eat these preserves we were given slender silver forks which looked very much like hair pins. Each lemon or potato ball was speared separately and eaten in that way. Last of all we had delicious tea, made as only the Chinese can make it. I shall never forget the look of horror of the attendants when one of the guests insisted on having sugar and cream for her tea.

After the dinner Ah Fang went as escort to show his Chiegog guests. Publicy Hill. at a meeting held at wasnington, D. C., May 21, 1881.

Right away came the opportunity for work with the Michigan forest fires, and from that time on funds and energy were forthcoming and well expended during the Mississippi and Ohio River floods, the Mississippi and Louisiana cyclone, Texas famine, yellow fever epidemic in Florida, and May 30, 1889, came that awful and heartrending report of the Johnstown flood, where twelve million dollars capital was lost and as near as can be estimated, five thousand lives swept away.

We recall with reverence "Octave Thanet's" name in connection with the food and supplies sent at the time of the Russian famine. And in the fall of '95 Frances Willard's name stands forth against the horrors of Armenia. But first and foremost in our hearts looms one whose name and face go hand in hand with the

But first and foremost in our hearts looms one whose name and face go hand in hand with the only ray of sunshine the "Reconcentrado" knew. And who, during our Spanish-American war, did not feel the soothing touch? Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale! Could any two names have more significance.

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N an age so over-run with sects and socie-ties, leagues and clubs, one can scarcely keep in mind the names and emblems daily pop-ping into existence.

For dessert we had delicious little lemons or

for her tea.

After the dinner Ah Fang went as escort to show his Chicago guests Bunker Hill monument. Of course that was the first thing they wanted to see in Boston, and they were going to walk to the top of it. Wasn't it a funny combination? A Chinaman showing off Bunker Hill monument to a Chicago Quakeress and her friends?

One Emblem of Brotherhood.

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But there is one which commands a recognition and respect by even the least informed.
On June 24, 1859 after the battle of Solferino, sixteen thousand French and Sardinians and twenty thousand

and twenty thousand Austrians lay dead or disabled on the field and the medical staff was as usual wholly unprepared. So for days even hundreds of wounded lay among the unburied dead, or

crawled away as best they could to care for themselves. A certain Henri Dunant who was on the scene at the time, was so strongly impressed that he determined to use all possible influence

in organizing a society to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded soldier.

And it was due wholly to his exertions and the co-operation of the Swiss General that the

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BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

T is useless to say the bicycle has had its day, for it is just as popular as ever, judging from the sales of the present year.

It is an actual fact that there are today between ten and eleven millions of wheels in use in the United States. Our army uses them and the armies of other civilized nations make use of them in various ways. They are employed in Africa to distribute tracts (thus being utilized in the gospel service), and in Jerusalem one sees Arabs, Jews and Gentiles riding the wheel. Once a fad over which the country went crazy, the bicycle has now become a necessity and an article of daily utility. Incidentally the bicycle is again growing in favor and reports from manufacturers all over the country indicate an increase of about twenty-five per cent. in the sales of the present season.

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While they are selling at practically the same prices as last season, there has been a great reduction from the prices of a few years ago. The best chain wheels can now be bought for The best chain wheels can now be bought for thirty-five dollars to fifty dollars and the chainless for sixty dollars to seventy-five. This puts it at a reduction of about fifty dollars a wheel from five years ago and brings the bicycle down where the ordinary working man can afford it; thus making a place for the wheel as a standard necessity instead of a lux-ury. This is a welcome development for the bicycle trade, for it means that the wheel has taken its place in the economy of the masses as a necessity, and that dealers can hereafter count on a steady and increasing demand for their wares from the average people and depend upon a trade that will not run by fits and starts.

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Several years ago bicycling was a fad and the craze for it swept over the country like a wave, swallowing everybody in its track. The rich and fashionable took it up for a season or two and everybody followed their lead, especially the women. But everybody did not drop it when the rich tired of wheeling. On the contrary, we all found out how much utility as well as enjoyment there is in a bicycle and the "bike" was here to stay.

After the craze had gone over us like a wave of the sea, a good many riders laid aside their wheels perhaps, with the intention of never taking them up again; but after a season or two without the bicycle they have come to realize that something had gone out of their lives. In other words, they miss their wheels and discover that nothing else has come to take its place. Their memory goes back to long afternoons in the woods, moonlight rides by the sea, the animation of the city parks, and the pleasure of covering long distances with comparative ease. No practical flying machine has been invented yet and until it is, nothing comes so near it as a first-class bicycle. The old rider who had laid aside his wheel realizes this as never before and there comes back to him the old zest for speeding hither and yon on the "wings of the morning". And so the wheel has now taken its place as a necessity for hundreds of thousands and on that basis the trade foresees a permanent demand not wholly dependent upon fickle fancy; and the trade knows.

Exercise on the bicycle in the open air is one of the greatest boons vouchsafed to modern man and cannot help being beneficial whenever exercise of any kind is desirable. The burden of proof is on him who denies it. He has to show either that the person has too much exercise, or not as much exercise as he ought to have; or that he has some displacement or peculiarity of organization, or some acute or chronic malady that makes the wheel unsuited to him, or that

ought to have; or that he has some displacement or peculiarity of organization, or some acute or chronic malady that makes the wheel unsuited to him, or that makes it unhealthful for him when some other form of exercise might be of benefit to him.

As to women, there is no physiological reason why they may not ride the bicycle, provided they are well and strong. All physicians who say otherwise are contradicted by the best and wisest doctors on both sides of the Atlantic. Most evils result from absurdities and excesses, such as parents letting their children ride too much, or letting beginners ride as much as those who have been riding for months or years. Here is where so many make a mistake, in thinking that a naturally strong person who is a beginner can ride as long at a time or as much as a naturally weaker one who is accustomed by long habit to riding. No one Noone is accustomed by long habit to riding. should ever attempt to regulate his speed by that of another. It is a matter of temperament and of judgment. To obtain the best results



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a man should ride his own wheel which has been properly adjusted to himself, and he should be particular that it is just suited to him.

him.

There are many questions about weight; but if you undertake to push a wheel uphill you will see that it takes comparatively no strength at all; so that I think that matter has been given undue importance. I do not believe it makes much difference whether a wheel weighs eighteen or twenty-six pounds. With a good wheel and a reasonably careful rider the liability to accident is not great.

There is no reason why middle-aged men, or even old men, should not take up cycling,

provided of course, that they keep in mind the limitations that their age imposes. Great speed, long rides and hill-climbing put a strain upon even the young and robust and will naturally find out the weak places in an elderly man's constitution, the parts of the system that are going faster than others. But with reason and caution the bicycle is just as much of a boon to the man of sixty and over as to the man of twenty.

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The bicycle develops courage and courage is a moral quality that is needed everywhere today. It develops the power of self-determination, which is also needed among men today as never before. The wheel prevents irritability, especially that kind that comes from lack of exercise and indigestion. It helps to overcome low spirits, for no one can go out in the open air and race with the wind without coming in a happier and a healthier man. The bicycle is indeed a great and marvelous machine, one to which we owe a debt as great as to the printing press. May it remain with us as long as the world lasts!

We have had a number of inquiries for a

world lasts!

We have had a number of inquiries for a motor machine that can be attached to the ordinary bicycle. The E. R. Thomas Company of Buffalo have the best I have yet seen. At the Pan-American Exposition the machine was well shown and interested many people.

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ed to any frame twenty-two inch and upwards without change, making a safe, compact and speedy motor bicycle excellent as a light roadster. Since I saw it at the Pan-American Show I have seen it on the road in New York and Massachusetts and it seems to be able to do all that is claimed for it, rendering bicycling on a hot day a very easy and simple matter. I do not know the price of the attachment and it will be useless for readers to apply to me for it; but I presume it can be had through any religious controlled. but I presume it can be had through any reli-able bicycle agency.

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possible for balance, safety and non-vibration, and the additional weight is not excessive, less than any other I have seen. The method of attachment, by means of an aluminum motor frame, gives to the whole outfit rigidity, strength and compactness.

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At any rate this motor has been adopted by some good wheelmen and is giving satisfaction. This outfit is shown in the illustration, as it may be attached to any single or tandem wheel. It has an individuality of its own and wheel. It has an individuality of its own and will do much to overthrow the popular idea that a motor bicycle is a dangerous affair that is to be mounted only by dare-devils and that he who rides it is inviting death. There is no reason why a motor cannot be so successfully made that it will be as safe as leg-power. All that is needed is an ordinary high-grade bicycle made a little stronger to meet the conditions imposed by the weight of the motor. This particular motor weighs twenty pounds, which I believe is as light as they have

pounds, which I believe is as light as they have been successfully made as yet.

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To ride the auto-bi, or motor-wheel, the be-

To ride the auto-bi, or motor-wheel, the be-ginner should place the rear wheel in a bicycle stand and learn to start and stop the machine, which can be quickly done by merely turning the levers on or off before starting the pedals. Within a short time anyone can master the thing so as to ride easily hundreds of miles with no trouble at-all.

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LAR ECLIPSE of the SUN.

Happening during our night hours but will be seen the most perfectly in the southern parts of Europe, Asia, and the northern parts of Africa. The path of the Annulus runs through the Mediterranean Sea, by Cairo in Egypt, across Arabia, the Arabian Sea, the southern part of Hindustan and Siam to the Philippine Islands. The Eclipse is not visible in Great Britain though it may be seen quite generally throughout Europe and Asia and in the Indian Ocean.

The Eclipse falls in the watery sign Scorpio and when it so happens it is said to portend some unusual damage "to navigators and such as converse on the sea and in sea affairs" in the regions where most perfectly visible. It portends turmoil and disorder attended with "slaughter of obscure and the common plebeian kinds of people" also "mischief to some king whose mind is averse to war." We may look for turbulent weather very mischievous to shipping in the Mediterranean and Arabian Seas and the Indian Ocean. In our own country it is apprehended there will be an unusual number of railway accidents and explosions with loss and injury by fire, especially in our northeastern regoins.

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Seas and the Indian Ocean. In our own country it is apprehended there will be an unusual number of railway accidents and explosions with loss and injury by fire, especially in our northeastern regions.

In the latter part of November occurs a great conjunction of the ponderous planets JUPITER and saturn. This happens only once in about twenty years and the moment of conjunction is assumed by Astrologers to be one of prime importance in judgment of events likely to transpire during the ensuing period of twenty years. A figure erected for the time of conjunction, at the seat of our Government in Washington this year shows the Sun and Herschel in the 10th house. Mars in the Ith; and Venus in the 12th house. The two great planets are together on the cusp of the 6th house. The conjunction this year will be very close as there is a difference in declination of only about twenty-eight minutes, Jupiter being a little higher up in the heavens than Saturn, though only twenty-eight minutes in arc. Jupiter will creep slowly up to Saturn in the last part of November and his progress may be watched in the southwestern part of the heavens every evening just after sunset. He will overtake and pass him on the 28th day of the month when the fiery Mars will be seen only eleven degrees to the westward and the brilliant Venus only eight degrees away upward toward the east, she having passed the two great bodies on the 18th and 19th of the month, although two or three degrees higher in declination than either of them. This race through the heavens in the latter part of November will be interesting to watch. The best time to observe them will be, of course, just after the sunset each evening before they sink to rest in the west behind the sun.

The figure shows Mercury in the 9th house having the benvolent rays of the conjoined bodies and those of Venus and the Moon. This is a remarkable testimony of good to our country and people. The coming year will be marked by great progress in literature and in educational methods and results.

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1901.

NOVEMBER 1—Friday. Urge business during all this day, wasting no moments in idleness or pleasure: prosecute mathematical studies and scientific investigations; press all engagements concerning books or writings and dealings with all in the literary callings; let literary productions be launched, do important correspondence, travel, make contracts and urge all commercial transactions generally.

2-Saturaday. A superior day after the early morning has passed. Urge all honorable undertakings to the atmost. Resolutes recommends it for his friends to make important beginnings in all major enterprises; purchase materials for manufacture and merchandise for trade; seek money accommodations and deal with persons of seek money.

3-Sunday. An excellent Sabbath though the mind will incline more towards activity and social engage-lents than to mental application or sober contemplations.

of March, 6th or 11th of June, 8th of Septem-December, of past years; for such persons be under considerable excitement and prone gh hasty judgment or action or to be having of consequence, dependent upon the hour of

their birth.

5—Tuesday. One of the superior days of the month and Regulus advises his friends to engage actively in the prosecution of their several callings, but particularly those in the strictly commercial and the literary pursuits; the day should be fully improved for the inauguration of all principal efforts, the forenoon hours being the best for commercial ventures and for all manner of appeals to the mind; let judges weigh testimony and decide important cases; adjust financial matters; seek money accommodations; purchase goods for trade and push every honorable transaction; bargain and sell lands and make contracts for their improvement or possession; put a bridle upon the temper and look out for fires upon the temper and look out for fire

and quarrels in the evening.

6—Wednesday. An indifferent day when little encouragement can be given for the major ventures of life; do not seek favor from thine employer in the evening.

7—Thursday. The middle hours of this day are the best and should be given preference for the general transactions of life; have care as the late hours approach, that thy purse be not depleted for needless or unsatisfactory gratifications.

8—Friday. Push business with large manufacturing corporations or with municipal or state authorities; consistry, trade in cattle or metals, and travel; deal with mechanics, carpenters, military men, druggists, tailors, tanners, bakers, brewers, cutters, and all workers in metals.

9—Saturday. An excellent day for dealings in artistic, musical, dramatic, and fancy wares; purchase wearing apparel and furnishings and generally urge the elegant pursuits.

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10—Sunday. One of the best Sabbath days of the month, being peculiarly propitious for the services appropriate for the time: the efforts from the pulpit will meet more than the ordinary approval and church contributions are likely to be very liberal.

11—Monday. Annular Ectipse of the Sun. Push general business and routine labors during this day, but do not inaugurate any important matters.

12—Tuesday. Give preference to this day for urging the elegant pursuits, conditions encourage special activity in dealings in fancy goods, jewelry, perfumes, slik, and all articles of beauty and adornment; urge literary matters, particularly concerning poetry, the drama, and musical and artistic engagements.

13—Wednesday. Not a promising day: it cautions

musical and artistic engagements.

13 — Wednesday. Not a promising day; it cautions avoidance of disputes and domestic infelicities, especially in nativities susceptible in this respect; seek no favor from railroad officials nor from persons high in public office; have care of fire in the evening.

14 — Thursday. Improve this day for the ingenious and mechanical trades and avocations, having due regard for a tendency to harmful haste in action and judgment.

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15—Friday. Choose this day for urging all honorable business to the utmost; for buying goods for trade and money transactions generally; take the early foremon for effecting engagements of consequence pertaining to houses and lands or their improvement; literary labors are performed with more facility and better satisfaction in the early part of the day; make purchases in the forenoon of all classes of artistic goods, wearing apparel, and furnishings, when also deal with banks and monied institutions of all kinds.

16 - Saturday. Apply for favors to those in office or in authority during the first two-thirds of this day and crowd all affairs pertaining to corporations and large organizations of persons into public bodies.

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17—Sunday. The morning is excitable and patience and moderation are admonished; the balance of the day abounds in benevolence and conduces in a marked degree to enjoyment of religious and moral elevation and intellectual improvement; the days just passing are quite fortunate in a social sense for persons in the nice avocations in life who were born about the 4th of March or September or the 5th of May or November, of past years, and quite agreeable experiences come to them at this time; but those born about the 4th of January or April, or the 5th of July or October, of past years, are less favored now, being likely to meet disappointments in their social engagements and they should surely avoid any matrimonial entanglement just at this period.

18—Monday. Personal applications for favor meet.

18—Monday. Personal applications for favor meet more than usual success if made during the early hours of the day, to persons in high life or to officials in supe-rior stations.

19—Tuesday. Hold on to the purse strings during this day, being careful that temptations to indulge do not flich the purse; conditions are not propitious for paying court to the fair sex or seeking pleasure in the social or dramatic circles.

20 — Wednesday. Be early astir, for the morning hours are golden, especially for commercial men, woolen dealers, clergymen and bankers; choose the forenoon for buying merchandise for trade and transacting business with dealers in silks and other dress materials, jewelry, fancy goods, and all articles of adornment; seek the dressmaker, tailor, milliner, and all the classes engaged in artistic labors.

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21—Thursday. Beware of all manner of contentions in the morning hours when be sure to "make haste slow-ly" in thy respective avocations; be careful if compelled to be about machinery or electrical works and in the handling of chemicals, firearms, hot liquids and fire; engage no servants and do not begin thy journey; the noon hours are a little better but should be employed only for transactions of minor character with thy superior or transactions; the afternoon is again adverse.

22—Friday. Let the business transactions of the

thine employer; the afternoon is again adverse.

22—Friday. Let the business transactions of this day be conducted with the greatest circumspection; sign no money obligations of consequence and be slow to give credit; do not hire or purchase houses or lands and postpone transacting business with lawyers or judges; the afternoon and evening bid thee refrain from pressing thy suit with the fair sex and discourage dealings in fancy goods or articles of dress or adornment; be sure not to make any matrimonial contract in the latter half of this day, nor should any enjoyment be expected from musical or dramatic entertainments or the social gathering of the evening.

23-Saturday. Be early at work, for the day is excellent for the manufacturing and mechanical ventures and trades and for transactions with chemists, surgeons, bakers, iron and brass workers, carpenters, and all who pursue their avocations by the use of fire, chemicals, or sharp instruments.

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24—Sunday. This is a day of nervous unrest and mental irregularity until the noon hours; the afternoon gives improved conditions for religious contemplation and discourse, and pulpit efforts will be more effective.

25-Monday. A good day for the literary pursuits, mathematical studies, and scientific investigations, though adverse for making any money agreement; see that extravagance does not mark thy purchases during the middle hours of this day; give no offence to thine employer in the afternoon or evening when he will not be

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3—Monday. Quite fortunate in the morning hours
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ilk, jewellers, tailors, dressmakers, and milliners; less
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lisappointments attend most efforts; after 11 o'clock the
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inclined to give fair consideration to thine application for favor or advancement.

26—Tuesday. A fair day until the afternoon which is not promising; avoid disputes and domestic differences; seek no advantage from railroad officials nor from persons high in public office.

persons high in public office.

27—Wednesday. Give preference to the first two-thirds of this dây, especially for the fine arts and elegant avocations generally; artists and musicians and all classes es of caterers for public entertainment should use the forenoon for their important moves in life; literary efforts in the latter part of the day are not satisfactory, being likely to be contentious and arouse controversy; see that thieves and pickpockets are not given opportunity to ply their vocations successfully, and look out for fires.

28—Thursday. Urge thy sales during the middle hours of this day but do not buy goods for trade; avoid dealings with banks or wealthy persons, keep sharp watch of the purse; have no real estate transactions nor sign any contracts pertaining to houses, promissory notes, or any commercial venture of consequence. Mental efforts in the latter part of the day will be more satisfactory than usual and more enjoyment can be had from contemplation of literary and scientific matters.

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29—Friday. The middle hours of the day are the best; the elegant pursuits are adversely affected during the morning hours, when do not buy wearing apparel or any articles that please or gratify; the afternoon is not to be depended upon for good.

30—Saturday. The month closes with an excellent day; good progress should be made in all honorable ventures; have transactions with government authorities of all grades; deal with officers of railroads and with all large organizations of men; seek favor or advancement from thine employer in the morning.

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HE attempted shooting of President Mc-Kinley, while holding a reception to the public at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo on the afternoon of Friday, September 6, is familiar to our readers it having been fully given out in the daily

This is the fourth time that a president of the United States has been shot by assassins.

The first case was the attempt on the life of Andrew Jackson, in which the brave old General seized his assassin and nearly killed him before he let him out of his hands. No injury was received by General Jackson, although the assassin was armed with both a knife and pis-

The second shooting of a President was that of Abraham Lincoln, who, just as the Civil War was closing, was shot down in the old Ford theater at Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Laura Keene, the talented actress, was playing "Our American consin". There was a large attendance, owing to the fact that the President was there, as well as General Grant and other military leaders. General Grant was called away and Booth entered the back of the box and shot the President in the head. He died at the house across the street next morning, not having regained consciousness. The same night an attempt was made on the life of the Secretary of State, William H. Seward, who was badly knifed, together with his son who rushed to his rescue, so that for a time he was confined to his bed with illness.

A reward of \$100,000 was offered for the capture of Booth, who had fled on horse back. It developed that in jumping from the President's box, he broke his leg, and was finally surrounded by soldiers in an old barn in Maryland, and after the barn was fired was shot by Sergeant Boston Corbett, and he lingered in great agony for four hours before dying; his body was buried secretly. Years later it was moved to the family lot in Baltimore.



On July 2, 1881, James A. Garfield accompanied by James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, was in the station at Washington, about to leave on the train, when a disappointed office seeker from Chicago, named Charles Guiteau,

walked up to him and deliberately shot him.

Guiteau was tried at Washington, and finally hanged. His skeleton is in the museum at Washington.

After the shooting of President McKinley, he lingered for a week, apparently rapidly recovering from the effect of the shooting; but unfortunately his heart was unable to hold out and he died Friday Sept. 13th, of heart failure, to the universal sorrow of the American people, who had learned to love him intensely.

He was immediately succeeded in the office by Vice President Roosevelt. It has been so fully recounted in the daily press that COMFORT only points out the more important facts. This foul deed of an Anarchist is certain to bring vengeance upon the members of that society.

Men, Women and Things.

CONDUCTED BY JENNIE MELVENE DAVIS.



Mrs. Howard Gould is one of the most charitable women in New York. She is considered as a real Lady Bountiful by all organizations that have the care of children within their province. The Goulds have never been prominent socially, al-

though George Gould has lately commenced to entertain in a royal manner at his_magnificent country home, Georgian Court. Mrs. Howard Gould was Miss Katherine Clemmons. She had a brief career on the stage as the star in a play called A Lady of Venice. While the play had a New York hearing it was not a success, although the public agreed that the star was a beautiful woman however opinions might differ as to her histrionic ability. She was a Western girl and had worked her way through difficulties to the stage. When Mr. Gould came of age he married the beautiful actress and although his family have never received her, Mrs. Howard Gould has been able to entertain herself. The magnificent yacht of Howard Gould is well known in all European ports. The Emperor of Germany was an admiring visitor when the yacht was in a German port. Mrs. Gould has been much in the public eve through her refusal to submit to the extortion of dressmakers. Women who are the helpless victims of bills that show the ingenuity of the craft rather than an actual rendering of work done have admired Mrs. Gould's refusal to submit to extortion. Mrs. Gould is a brilliant blonde with a beautiful figure and carriage.

Uncle Remus and his quaint philosophy are household words with the entire reading public of America. Joel Chandler Harris is as sunny and happy himself as the character that he depicts. Mr. Harris is red headed and freckle faced. He could hardly be called handsome by the most prejudiced friend but his most earnest critic would be forced to admit that his face attracted and held attention by its thorough sunniness. For nearly twentyfive years Joel Chandler Harris was identified with the Atlanta Constitution. His famous Uncle Remus stories were written at the suggestion of the editor that Harris furnish some dialect stories. Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox made their debut and since then have become classics. Mr. Harris has written many books but his long stories have not rivalled his short ones. He gave up newspaper work some time ago although he is but fifty-two years of age. He loves his home and is rarely seen abroad so that many of the people of his own city do not know him by sight. He has himself the blending of quaint humor and hard common sense that makes his character sketches so irresist-

Count von Bulow, the Chancellor of the German Empire, is a statesman by training and heredity. His family have been prominent in the annals of North Germany for generations. It was a Bulow who gave Napoleon his first defeat on German soil, a Bulow



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and another Countess von Bulow who first demanded the civil right of women in Germany. The family have been pioneers and originators in war, philanthropy and art. The race has been independent and obstinate and these qualities combined with their intellectual supremacy have made them leaders for generations. The father of Count von Bulow was imperial Secretary and the son has at last reached that rank. Von Bulow had the usual training of the German schools and universities with the forced term of military service. This fell during the Franco-German war and young von Bulow won the rank of a lieutenant. Von Bulow was a disciple of Bismarck in his early life but he is free from the littleness that spotted the career of the great chancellor. He possesses in a rare degree the tact that leaves him free from personal animosities. He entered the diplomatic service and for twenty years pursued a steady course of successful progress. France, Russia, Italy and Greece and the secretaryship of the Berlin Congress at last led to the dignity of the appointment of ambassador to Rome. Here he became intimately known to the young Emperor and here he met the brilliant woman who is now Countess von Bulow. The interest and friendship of the Emperor led to a call to take the important position of Minister and Secretary of Foreign Affairs. No man ever entered upon the difficult duties of this position with a more thorough preparation than that of Count von Bulow. His entire training had been in the foreign service and he knew his Europe like a primer. He conciliated the Reischstag at once by a simple, direct, business-like statement of his reasons for certain moves. He has been an expansionist but withal a conservative one in spite of his statement "Germany wants a place in the sun". His acquisition of the Carolines and other Spanish Islands and the skillful manner in which Germany won the leading influence in Samoa were triumphs both at home and abroad. The fierce aggressiveness of the warlike William II. is tempered by the calm suavity of the Chancellor. Count von Bulow has a commanding figure although his fifty years have added a little too much flesh for elegance. He is fair with blue eyes and light hair that are typically German.

who founded the first kindergarten in Germany



The five and ten cent counters were a popular feature in general merchandise stores some few years ago. One man saw in them his business opportunity and today over sixty stores located in different cities east of Pittsburg bear the name of F. W. Woolworth.

His success is one of the many that may be found in America. His magnificent house on Fifth Avenue, New York, is a palace even on that street of palaces. In 1879 its owner could not pay the monthly rent of \$30 for the store where he started his success. Mr. Woolworth was born away up in New York state in a little town of Jefferson county. He lived the life of a poor farmer boy until he was twenty-one. He had had seven years' schooling, walking four miles a day to the little country schoolhouse in order to get it. After a short course in a commercial school, he secured a position in a store at Watertown. After ten years he was receiving \$10 a week, yet on this sum he managed to marry and also to save about fifty dollars a year. He noticed the success of the five cent counters which were then a feature of country stores. On borrowed capital he opened a small store in Utica-and failed. His old firm agreed to give him the assitance to make another trial and this was made in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with a stock of less than five hundred dollars in value. The first year he cleared \$1500 and now his business is reckoned in the millions. His central office is in New York and from there he keeps in daily touch with the sixty stores that are the result of his success. During the holiday season he has 5000 employees and his salary list exceeds half a million. Some idea of the volume of business may be gained by the record of 44,060 sales in one day in one of his New York stores. His buyers are constantly searching the markets of the world for goods that can be sold in the five and ten cent

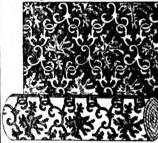
Mr. Woolworth has an erect figure, a simple, energetic manner and a plain direct address that indicate the qualities that have led him to



Alfred C. Harmsworth. the editor and owner of the London Daily Mail, recently made a tour of the United States. The young man seems to have the Yankee quality of "hustling" for his newspaper career dates only to 1882. Today he is the owner of a large num-

ber of English newspapers and magazines. He is the son of an Irish barrister. After receiving an ordinary common school education he entered the office of the Illustrated London News. He seemed from the first to have an instinctive sense of what the people wanted and would buy in papers and cheap magazines. He considers that English newspapers are more accurate than American newspapers in the printing of news but not so aggressive or active in securing it. He edited a New York paper one day in order to show his idea of a newspaper. Mr. Harmsworth has met with a meteoric success in the newspaper world. In 1894 he equipped an Arctic expedition at his own expense. His comments on America are evidences of the keen discernment that has been the prominent factor of his success

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